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Council votes unanimously for light rail referendum

Voters get their say on Nov. 2

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

Virginia Beach voters will get to say in a Nov. 2 referendum whether or not they want light rail between Norfolk and the Beach.

Driven by a commitment made in December 1996 to have a referendum on light rail, City Council members voted 11-0 for the referendum and adopted the referendum question to read:

"Should the City Council adopt an ordinance approving the development and financing of the proposed Virginia Beach-Norfolk Naval Base Light Rail Transit Project?"

The adopted referendum question will read: "Should the City Council adopt an ordinance approving the development and financing of the proposed Virginia Beach-Norfolk Naval Base Light Rail Transit Project?"

The question proposed originally tacked on a request to the General Assembly to enact a 5 percent tax on the retail price of gasoline to fund the project.

And prior to reworking the question the wording was "the proposed Virginia Beach-Norfolk Light Rail Transit Project." The Naval Base was added at the request of councilwoman Barbara Henley.

Councilman W.W. Harrison Jr. said

that council made a commitment to the citizens to put the matter to a referendum. He said that he was not one to always to the citizens, but light rail would have a major impact on the community.

He said also that he was not convinced that light rail is the answer to regional needs. He said also that the electorate needs to consider the item fairly and objectively and that he thought that the

original wording, including the 5 percent gas tax, was biased.

He said that the funding is uncertain, that \$400,000 has been assigned to mass transit in the Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) 2020 plan, and that could be any kind of mass transit, some "we're not aware of."

He said that the focus should be on issues. He said that "we know (light rail) will cost a lot of money," but that it is not known how it would be funded. He said that he could not support a five percent tax — that would be a tax on tax (with the retail price including other taxes).

He said that the MPO has proposed a 12 cent gas tax on all 2020 projects plus tolls and other types of funding, but the cost and burden of financing the projects

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PEST control

The Virginia Beach Fire Department and the Virginia Beach Police Department in a joint effort recently trained 16 members of the Parking Enforcement Support Team (PEST) to help provide enforcement to fire lane parking violations.

The statewide uniform fire code grants the code enforcement officials the authority to designate public or private fire lanes as deemed necessary for the efficient and effective operation of fire apparatus.

Virginia Beach City Code 21 provides for a \$15 fine for a parking violation in a designated fire lane. This new effort began Sunday and will be evaluated for effectiveness throughout the first year.

Hurricane info

The Princess Anne AARP Chapter will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Princess Anne Recreation Center, 1400 Ferrell Parkway.

The speaker will be Mark C. Marchbank, deputy coordinator for Virginia Beach Fire Emergency Management. He will speak on "Hurricanes."

At 12:30 p.m., the Virginia Beach Health Department will provide blood pressure readings. Visitors and prospective members, age 50 and over, are welcome. Call 430-2646 or 468-3814 for additional information.

Back Bay hike

Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge will host a morning bike hike through the refuge Saturday, Aug. 14 from 9 a.m. to noon. Join volunteer Bill Chiolek for this hike. It will take place along the east end and west dike trails and will provide excellent opportunities for viewing songbirds and other wildlife active during these hours. Bring binoculars and bicycles suitable for sandy terrain. Pre-registration is required for this program. For more information and to pre-register call 721-2412. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The program will meet at the Visitor Contact Station at Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge. The Visitor Contact Station is located at the end of Sandpiper Road in the Sandbridge community of southern Virginia Beach. There is no charge for the program, however an entrance fee of \$4 per vehicle is required. Entrance fees are waived by possessing Golden Eagle, Golden Age, Golden Access, Annual Refuge Passes or a current Federal Duck Stamp.

Horsin' around

Cypress Point Country Club and Friends of the Virginia Beach Mounted Patrol (VBMP) have put together an evening of food, fun and music Wednesday, Aug. 18 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Cypress Point Country Club, 5340 Club Hood Rd.

As a fund-raising event, local celebrities and the Mounted Patrol will wait on customers. Call 490-6300 for more information and/or directions. Seating is limited, so make reservations early. Proceeds from the evening will go to benefit the Virginia Beach Mounted Patrol.

Medieval Days

Come to the Medieval Days at the Lynnhaven House for a wonderful and interesting time Aug. 14-15 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., 4405 Wishart Rd. It will be a day of sword fighting, armor making, leather crafting, herb lore, heraldry and Medieval games and more. For further information call 456-0351 or 481-2145. Admission, including a tour of the house, is \$3.50 for students aged 12 to 17, \$1.50 students for 6 to 11, \$1 and under 5 free.

College workshop

College Financial Services will host a free college financial aid workshop Thursday, Aug. 19 at the Clarion Hotel, 4453 Bonney Rd. The workshop will start promptly at 7 p.m.

The workshop will focus on helping students and their families maximize their financial aid and provide them with options available to pay for college without going broke.

To register call, 498-9765.

Divorce seminar

The Virginia Fatherhood Initiative, a statewide non-profit charitable organization focusing on issues affecting fathers and their children, will hold the workshop "What Men Need to Know About Divorce." This intensive four-hour seminar is about the legal process and laws on divorce, property, pensions, child and spousal support, child custody and related issues presented by a domestic relations attorney. It will be held Saturday, Aug. 14 from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pembroke 4 Office Building, 5th Floor Conference Room in Virginia Beach.

The 'Major' marches off to new beat

Long-time friend, False Cape asst. park manager tackling leadership



SAIYING SO LONG. Assistant Park Manager Major Benton is a familiar face around False Cape State Park. He left this week to accept a job as chief ranger at Hungry Mother State Park in Marion, Va.

Photo by Jane Rowe

By Jane Rowe
Correspondent

The neon blue balloon, bobbing up and down in the shimmering waves, adds a whole new dimension to an otherwise pristine beachscape.

False Cape State Park is never lovelier than on those days when a southeast wind blows the biting flies away and the warm, crystal clear green ocean waters in. Pelicans fly overhead, dolphins swim out on the ocean, and there's not a trace of a human being around anywhere.

Until you see the balloon. That balloon, with the long baby-blue ribbon still attached, was probably released by someone living inland who had no idea that it would eventually blow over the ocean, where it could ensnare or choke a marine animal.

That's exactly why Major Benton, assistant park manager, thinks environmental education is so important and why, after two-and-one-half years at False Cape, he's looking forward to the transfer

to Hungry Mother State Park in Marion, Va.

He has enjoyed his stay in False Cape State Park, he said, but the mountains will provide an opportunity to teach the importance of wildlife protection in an entirely different ecosystem.

"The people who live in that area probably know very little about marine mammals," Major said.

"It'll be a good chance for environmental education. We've found trash on the beach from people who had no idea it would end up as a threat to marine mammals." Litter, particularly balloons, can float or drift hundreds of miles and "we found two balloons from Ohio at one beach clean-up."

"I'm trying to look at the big picture," Major added.

"I want to make people understand that what they do affects the quality of life everywhere."

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Transport plan up for OK next week

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

Virginia Beach City Council is expected to endorse the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission's (HRPDC) 2020 transportation plan at next Tuesday's meeting, supplying Virginia Beach Commissioner Louis R. Jones with the necessary backing to vote for the plan at the Aug. 18 HRPDC meeting.

Making the plan more acceptable to beach interests is the accent on all types

of mass transit rather than restricting one of the projects to light rail.

The original seven major projects had a total estimated price tag of \$7.4 billion. Two were combined — the CSX Corridor Peninsula light rail (\$600 million), and the Norfolk-Virginia Beach Light Rail (\$975 million) into regional rail/transit.

The change was recommended by the Committee of Administrative Officers (CAO), which presented a total package

cost of \$3.2 billion in local funds.

Included in the projects and local funds are:

■ Interstate 64 from Route 199 south to I-664 (\$400 million); Route 460, an interstate type facility with the Petersburg region to fund its share of the project (\$500 million), the Hampton Roads Crossing which assumes an additional \$1.2 billion in federal funding; \$200 million from the VPA for the Craney Island Connector (\$1 billion); regional

rail/transit, assuming leveraging of other federal funding (\$400 million); Midtown Tunnel/Martin Luther King Freeway Extension/Pinners Point Connector, excluding the cost of the Pinners Point Connector which is already funded at \$175 million (\$475 million), and the Southeastern Parkway (\$425 million).

The CAO also recommended a funding strategy including an average toll of

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Cityfolk discovering life down on the farm. Tours introduce E each agriculture

By Aune Kirk
Correspondent

Local farmers, the Farmers Market and the Virginia Cooperative Extension's Virginia Beach office have teamed up to afford "city folks" the opportunity to learn about area farms, farmers, and farm products.

The opportunity comes by way of "farm tours," where for a very small fee, folks can climb aboard a friendly, yellow school bus for a guided tour of three different farms.

The tours offer opportunities to pick blueberries, blackberries and corn or purchase fresh fruits and vegetables from the farm stands. It also offers the opportunity to see and pet some friendly animals.

"The purpose is to take neighbors from the urban areas to the country," said Cal Schiemann, bus driver and extension agent. "Most people don't realize that agriculture is a big part of our life here."

Schiemann said there are about 34,000.



NEW FRIEND! Jessica Apfer discovers a furry fellow at Henley Farm. Virginia Beach farm tours offer insight into city agriculture.

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MMM GOOD! The corn is plump and ripe, as Erin Mitchell, 11, learned during a Virginia Beach farm tour.

Photo by Aune Kirk

Commentary

STOP the need

It's hot. It's sticky. It's summer. It's dangerous.

And there are still several weeks left of it. As a heat wave continues to burn across the nation, from the South to the Midwest, we're reminded of our plight right here at home. Hampton Roads ought to be used to the oven-like conditions which we regularly call summer. Yet, invariably, each year hundreds of people are stuck sweltering in non air-conditioned homes and apartments, sometimes without even an electric fan to cool themselves. They just can't afford it.

Coming to their assistance are three non-profit organizations who have issued a critical appeal for monetary donations to purchase air conditioners and fans for low-income elderly, people with disabilities and families with children under 6 years old who have no other means of cooling.

To date, the appeal issued in July has yielded approximately \$2,500 in donations to the United Way of South Hampton Roads. In turn, STOP and Senior Services are using the funds to purchase, deliver and install the new cooling units.

But as the summer rolls on, dozens of people remain on the waiting list with new calls coming in every day. Four hundred fans have also been distributed, but those supplies are exhausted.

Donations, even if it's just a few dollars, can be made to the United Way by calling 853-8500. Additionally, Delceno C. Miles, president of The Miles Agency, has issued a challenge to match all donations received. To donate a new air conditioner or fan call STOP, 858-1360.

Help others to beat the heat. Their lives may depend on it. — V.E.H.

Lessons learned the fun way

I guess I'm now an official basket case.

Last week I embarked on an adventure of sorts — my first real convention. By day I'm a mild-mannered newspaper editor, but by night and on weekends (well, maybe twice a month) I'm a "basket lady."

Translated, I do Longaberger basket home demonstrations just like the "Tupperware lady" shows off her wares.

The convention I attended was the "Basket Bee," an annual gathering for consultants like myself. Imagine 4,000 ladies dressed in black and yellow with bumblebee earrings, pins, you name it doing the craziest things to win free baskets, get on stage and be recognized.

I was warned by other consultants that it would be a wild time, but that didn't quite describe it.

On July 23 some fellow "basket buddies" from the area and I piled in our vehicles and pointed the cars toward Columbus, Ohio. By midnight we were checking into the hotel for several days of basket revelry.

Now, as I mentioned earlier, I've never attended a true trade convention, so I was in for something. But I had heard that wild parties, bad food and staying up until all hours of the night are par for the course.

Day One of our adventure was marked by shopping at The Homestead, a village that company founder Dave Longaberger opened this year. There he reconstructed a huge, old Midwestern barn, built a neat Victorian house/tearoom and a replica of "Grandma Bonnie's" home and opened all kinds of shops.

Needless to say, I was unprepared for the shopping opportunities. I had budgeted a certain amount for the expedition, but soon found out I should have doubled or tripled my allotted budget.

So what'd I do? Whipped out the checkbook, of course, after all the cash was gone! My "take" included lots of apparel, collector's baskets and accessories, gift items and goodies for my hubby and baby.

Day Two marked the official start of the Bee with registration, classes, exhibits and displays. The place was swarming with Basket Bee's like myself out to improve our sales techniques. After an early start that morning (out of the room by 7) we collapsed on our beds around midnight after attending an awards ceremony.

Unfortunately, I fell into bed with the realization that I was getting sick, as marked by a swollen throat, painful sinuses and aches.

On Day Three the conference got under way with energy-pumping music, more awards ceremonies, testimonies, films and selling ideas. I watched my good friend and mentor Betty Solomon collected tons of accolades and was featured in a video about her success. By now I was getting into the spirit of the event — even if my behind was asleep after one four-hour sitting session.

Later that afternoon we had another general session, more awards and got a new product preview. I have never seen 4,000 women react in such a way. You'd have thought Mel Gibson was giving away free kisses!

We collapsed in bed again after another 16-hour day. My body ached from my growing illness, but heck, I was having fun!

Day Four was "back to school" time. We attended a full day of classes at "Longaberger University" to help us with our businesses and lives. We had closing ceremonies and a send-off to one more day of activities.

By now I was used to feeling sick — and pretty sure it was a bout of bronchitis.

The final day before heading home was devoted to shopping in Dresden, the charming little village where our company founder grew up, touring the manufacturing facilities and making my own basket. That last part was a feat in itself, for now I can truly appreciate the efforts of these skilled artists.

As we packed that evening I assessed the "damage" from shopping. My suitcase bulged and bags burgeoned. I could hardly lift the purchases.

We drove home Sunday, pulling into the driveway as the sun neared setting.

Reflecting on my trip, I learned a few things about conventions:

- Get to eat right — That is, if there's time. I subsisted on junk food.
- Get sleep — Don't do all of the activities if possible choose wisely. I headed to the convention thinking I'd feel more rest than at home with a baby. Wrong.
- Bring lots of money! That's self-explanatory.
- Bring comfortable shoes — I learned this lesson the hard way.
- At the first sign of sickness, seek treatment — Once home again, you'll need to operate at 100 percent. Unfortunately, I pushed myself too hard and ended up with asthmatic bronchitis and a sinus infection that I'm still fighting.
- Finally, take a good attitude. Conventions, whether it's for carpet sales, clubs or sports, are the one time you can really let your hair down. Be wild and crazy, or — in my case — it was "bee" wild and crazy.

My life in Major League Baseball

If I had to make a career choice — knowing what I know now — I'd be a Major League Baseball player. There's just no doubt about it.

Indictment: I remember my first brush with Major League Baseball. I saved young outfielder Al Kaline of the Detroit Tigers from certain annihilation.

It was in the city Philadelphia, and I had just graduated from kindergarten.

My lunatic brothers were probably with my dad in our Philadelphia apartment on Broad Street, not far from the naval shipyard.

I had just purchased my first pack of baseball trading cards. In those days, a huge slab of bubble gum came in each pack. I stuffed the entire thing into my mouth; I was in the middle of a bubble gum orgy.

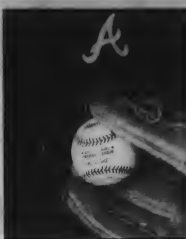
As I was walking across the street — with my mom holding one hand — I was thumbing through the baseball cards with the other. Al Kaline was among them.

Although I didn't know an outfielder from an infield fly in those early years, I knew a Detroit Tiger when I saw the logo.

Al Kaline slipped from my hand and landed in the middle of the trolley tracks. I escaped my mother's grasp and impulsively turned to save Kaline from certain destruction. If I had hesitated even for 30 seconds, a Philadelphia trolley car would have cut the Tiger star in half. Kaline, as I recall, never found out about my heroics.

That same year I witnessed my first Major League Baseball game in the City of Brotherly Love. I have no idea who was playing, but I remember that it was a night game. Chances are the St. Louis Cardinals were whipping the Phillies because my dad was a lifelong Cardinals fan.

During that game, my dad somehow acquired a baseball bat and presented it to me; I can remember dragging it around with me — wherever I went — for almost a year. That was



ANOTHER BALLGAME. This columnist turned away from Major League Baseball in order to pursue life as a literary giant.

My first bat. If I had become a power hitter that would have truly been an auspicious beginning.

As my baseball career blossomed, I decided to concentrate on another aspect of the game. Hitting home runs was not my forte. In fact, those who coached me in my youth felt that I had eschewed hitting altogether.

Honestly, I was no Henry Aaron. I was a left-handed batter with less power than a 15 watt light bulb.

In my youth, I especially admired Warren Spahn, the Milwaukee Braves' cagey left-hander. I decided, like Spahn, pitching would be my specialty. Anyone can use a good lefty pitcher. Some things in baseball just never change.

As an aspiring hurler, I lacked only two things: speed and control. I couldn't throw the ball through a paper bag, and I didn't have a clue where the ball was going when it exited my hand. Always an optimist, I viewed these peculiar features of my pitching technique in a positive light while some folks might have considered them to be unmitigated liabilities. Every pitch that I tossed was a potential brush back pitch, but batters had plenty of time to saunter out of harm's way. When I hit a batter — and I hit a few — no one suffered much.

Much to my dismay, coaches saw my pitching strategy in a far different light and promptly converted me into a right fielder. Although I only had the occasion to catch one fly ball in right field during two seasons, I always endeavored to play the game with as much apathy as I could muster.

During a single inning of one of the few games I played in left field, I retired the opposing side single-

handedly. I caught three fly balls. While two of the catches were routine, the third grab bordered on the spectacular. Quite a feat for an erstwhile right fielder.

Defensive play became my new specialty. My fielding gems were the true highlights of my rather modest career in baseball. I habitually made routine plays look sensational. I confess that it was a gift. I kept one eye on the grandstand and the other on the ball. Stumbling and falling, I was usually able to make an easy catch look extraordinary.

Opposing coaches gazed at me in complete awe — utter astonishment might be more accurate — for they rarely had an opportunity to observe an outfielder with such unorthodox technique. My own coaches were generally speechless; when they did speak, they called me either "Hot-dog" or "Grandstand." No doubt out of heartfelt approval.

Somewhere along the line, baseball became too elementary a game. I lost interest, and I left baseball go.

As someone — probably Yogi Berra — once said, "It's easy! You hit the ball. You catch the ball. You throw the ball."

I guess that I simply needed a challenge in life. Anyone with my exceptional athletic ability could play Major League Baseball. I chose to be different.

I decided to do something bordering on the impossible: I would earn a comfortable living as a writer and become a literary giant.

Looking back over 30 years, I'm convinced that I should have never abandoned baseball so hastily. I'd probably be a multi-millionaire by now.

Invariably, hindsight is 20-20, but I honestly do see things from a different perspective now. Heck, anyone with half a brain can write — with the possible exception of Shoeless Joe Jackson — but he could knock the cover off the ball.

When you can slap a baseball 550 feet, few folks care if you can speak — much less read or write. "Say it ain't so, Joe."

Yeah, if I could turn back the hands of time, I'd certainly do things differently. I'd become a Major League writer. That's a real no-brainer. Then all I'd ever have to write would be my name, to endorse my checks, sign autographs, and stuff like that.

Of course, I'd only sign autographs when I really felt like it.

The sea did not steal John Jr. in this tragedy

I have finally reached the conclusion that television networks are dying a slow, painful death. I started noticing it during the Princess Diana

nightmare which up television for several weeks and is still doing so. In the Kennedy plane crash, the stations would interrupt the regular program with "breaking news," which would consist of a lone ship sailing around the bay with no significant connection to the plane crash. Also, the information giving during the "breaking news" time hardly resembled the real truth when it finally came out.

The commentators were pitiful. MSNBC commentator Chris Jansing would come on the screen looking as if she had been crying for weeks. At times I expected her to start bawling before she could get off the air.

Very few of the commentators displayed the professionalism that we expect of them. They seemed to have let their emotions take hold, consequently it affects their good judgment. The television audience was subjected to the same old pictures and stories about John Kennedy Jr. over and over again.

The picture of him saluting his father was cute, but it was necessary to show it continuously for six days? We heard the same old true expressions over and over.

Diana Olick of CBS News came up with one that made me want to regurgitate when she said, "It is a testament to unquestioning love of these waters that the family can continue to find peace in a sea that has stolen so much from them."

Olick should read her history about the Kennedys. Both parents, Joseph and Rose, died on land. Young Joe died in a plane crash when the plane he was flying exploded in mid-air. Nothing has been said about the sea.

The sea did not "steal" Mary Jo Kopechne. She was drowned in a car driven by Sen. Ted Kennedy which ran off Dyke Bridge late at night.

I doubt that Ms. Olick wants to hear much about Chappaquiddick, so I'll move on. President Kennedy was killed in Dallas in a car, and Bobby was shot at a convention in California. It is now believed that John Jr. did not have the kind of experience to fly at night and that pilot error could have caused the accident.

The sea has not "stolen" anything from the Kennedys. I don't understand Olick's analogy on that subject.

The recent killings in Georgia have brought attention with the same old questions being asked, but this won't last very long. The people involved are not famous. No Camelot, no princess, only 12 good and decent people killed by a mad man.

Welcome to the real world.

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The remedy to cure our schools

As they have for more than 18 years, my college freshmen took pen in hand this week to discuss the fall of

church power, the rise of nation states, the Renaissance and the Reformation. Watching my dedicated summer students pour teams of knowledge onto blank white paper — nothing less than inspiring.

"This," I thought, "is what education is all about." Out of their informed minds streamed organized thought and reflection. From the same body of facts would emerge 22 different analyses — each as individual as the complexity of the human mind itself.

By the final exam there is no danger of the cursory gloss-over that so often crosses my desk at the beginning of the term. Each of these exams will be chock-full of as many specifics that can physically be written in the two hours allotted.

In two decades I have never encountered a student who did not master the volumes of data historical analysis requires so long as they attend class and do the course work. Witnessing the positive results of our intense 10-week experience made me feel like standing on a rooftop and hollering to my fellow educators everywhere, "Challenge them!"

But, sadly, even that is not enough to turn around our failing schools. First, all educators must believe completely in the innate brilliance of every human mind. Modern science has recently confirmed what the truly wise have always known. The human brain is many thousands of times more powerful than the most advanced super computer ever built or envisioned.

So the trick for educators is to turn on the switch to that intellect that potential and see to it that it stays on — not only by continuous challenge, but by the hard mental work that is the mind's path to development.

Just like everything else in life, success in education depends on time and effort exerted, and not just by the student. The effective educator must expend in the classroom many times more the effort of all her students combined. Of course, students more than match that effort when they take assignments, conduct research, write papers and take exams.

But, at the end of the day, the rewards are immeasurable. There are few substitutes for the thrill of opening minds for the educator or the joy of thinking anew for the student. Convincing educators of the unlimited capacity of the human mind is only half the battle. Far too many students are equally conditioned to believe that the skills we measure represent their mental ability. Not that we shouldn't measure skills — how else could we gauge development? But we must not confuse the level of skill development with innate capacity and intelligence.

We learn to write by writing, to read by reading and to calculate by calculating. Essentially we can only learn to think by thinking. Nobody achieves excellence in any mental skill except by doing it.

So when a student doesn't get it the first time, you make him do it again until he does, varying the problem to prevent boredom but focusing always on the problem — solving it. The key for the educator is to succeed in turning on the switch that unlocks the

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Perspectives

By Ellen Huey, columnist



Virginia Beach Court Docents provide an invaluable service

Twenty years ago, seeing a need to help young people better understand the judicial system, the Virginia Beach Court Docent Program, an all-volunteer organization, was conceived and brought to fruition.

Now, with only 12 dedicated members, these docents see 1,500 students a year with a total of 61,000 students being educated in the court system since the program's inception.

The program strives to educate students, teachers and

members of the general public about the workings of the judicial system through touring and observing operations at the courts and jail, explaining the roles of lawyers, judges and bailiffs and by inviting them to witness actual proceedings in Circuit Court and General District Court.

The Virginia Beach program has served as a model for similar programs throughout the state and has won numerous public service awards, just recently, the prestigious Liberty Bell Award for Outstanding community service.

Students who participate in the program benefit by an increased understanding of the role of judges and attorneys and the opportunity to observe various career opportunities such as court reporters, bailiffs, sheriff, court clerks and law enforcement officials. The program also helps with juvenile crime prevention.

Government students from each of the Virginia Beach Public High Schools and Cape Henry Collegiate School tour the Virginia Beach courts and the jail, observing actual proceedings in Circuit Court and General District Court. They also learn about the jury system and what it will be like to serve as a juror.

The students particularly enjoy their opportunity to participate in a mock trial, where they are the judge, jury, accused, attorneys, bailiff and witnesses. Oftentimes, what they see in court differs from what they expect based on court scenes on television.

The support that the students receive while at the court house is impressive. It is not uncommon for the judges to take time away from their proceedings to talk to the students and answer their questions.

The bailiffs, court personnel, as

well as the staff at the jail, make an extra effort to accommodate the student groups which range in size from 20 to 40 to students per tour. Attorneys take time to answer the students' questions and court reporters let the students see how they record the proceedings word for word.

This is truly a group effort to allow the students to see as much as possible during their day at court.

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Docent Program. The docents themselves agree that each day is a learning experience for them as well as for the students they are taking through the courts.

In April, I had the pleasure of attending the ceremony honoring the docents for 20 years of service and had the honor of presenting them a proclamation. I hope the program continues to flourish and to grow in the coming years, allowing more of our young people a chance to learn about the workings of the Judicial System. My hat goes off to those busy and committed docents whose dedication and hard work makes this program work.

The Docent Program continually seeks volunteers who are more than 18 years of age, willing to learn the Court System; available during weekdays once or twice a month; and comfortable with public speaking and working with high school students. Interested individuals should contact Emily Mills, Docent Program Director, 425-0064, for more information.

Emily Mills, docent program director, contributed to this column.

Arts and Humanities Commission holds two grant workshops

The Virginia Beach Arts and Humanities Commission will hold two grant workshops for cultural organizations wishing to apply for city funding. The first workshop, designed for first time applicants and inexperienced grantwriters, will be held Tuesday, Aug. 10 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Little Theatre of Virginia Beach, 24th Street and Barborton Drive.

The second workshop, for more experienced applicants, will be held Wednesday, Aug. 11 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the meeting room at the Kempville Area Library, 832 Kempville Road.

The workshops will provide information on the commission's newly revised policies and application for project grant funding. Application forms will be available in hard copy format and, for the first time, on computer disk. Applications are due in the commission office Oct. 1 by 5 p.m. for projects taking place between July 1, 2000 and June 30, 2001.

Funding is available for not-for-profit cultural organizations providing programs within the city of Virginia Beach. In the current fiscal year, the commission provided matching funds totaling \$41,050 to 39 local and regional organizations.

The workshop is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is required. To register call Robin Iten, Cultural Arts Coordinator, 437-4870.

The Virginia Beach Arts and Humanities Commission is a city agency that supports the arts and

humanities with funding from City Council, the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the national Endowment for the Arts.

Serving in advisory capacity to the Virginia Beach City Council, the Virginia Beach Arts and Humanities Commission encourages the development of programs in the arts and humanities within the city of Virginia Beach.

For more information call Robin Iten, 437-4870.

Summer ACTS Series concludes

The Arts Celebration and Theatre Summer (ACTS) Series at Regent University Theatre will close its summer season with "All God's Children Got Dance: A Celebration in Movement" opening Friday, Aug. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Directed by Marsha Staples, "All God's Children Got Dance: A Celebration in Movement" features various dance ministries and companies in the Hampton Roads community. Back by popular demand, this is the second season that The ACTS Series has produced this incredible dance concert.

The Arts Celebration and Theatre Summer Series is a graduate student organization founded in 1996 which produces shows for the Regent University Theatre's summer season. The ACTS Series is dedicated to bringing affordable theatrical entertainment of the highest caliber to Hampton Roads audiences.

By Stephanie Mojica
Correspondent

No matter what career Elizabeth Lloyd is in, it always deals with people.

After more than a decade of work in the legal field, Lloyd decided she wanted to do more for the community.

Today, she is executive director of VOLUNTEER Hampton Roads, a Norfolk-based organization dealing with volunteer opportunities for the Tidewater area.

"I was a paralegal and realized it was a little too sterile of an environment for me," said Lloyd.

So, at the age of 29, Lloyd decided to return to Old Dominion University, where she got her undergraduate degree in criminal justice, and work on getting a master's degree in public administration.

She worked during the day and attended classes in the evening and completed her degree in 1995, the same year her daughter, Taylor, was born.

In 1997, she came to VOLUNTEER Hampton Roads.

"I wouldn't trade this job for the world," said Lloyd. "It is probably the most challenging I've ever had, but it is very rewarding."

Her responsibilities as executive director are management of the organization, human relations, strategic planning, financial management, community relations and board development.

In addition, Lloyd still does some volunteering herself, for some of the programs VOLUNTEER Hampton Roads is involved in.

In the past, Lloyd was involved in a pet therapy program, where kittens and puppies are taken to retirement homes to exchange love. She also participated in Zonta International, a service club for women. In that organization, a lot of work is done with domestic violence victims, according to Lloyd.

"What I like about volunteering is that it's hands-on and you can see direct results most of the time," she added. "Plus you are helping the less fortunate and it is something you can do as a family."

"You get to know different people in the community that you may not have had contact with had you not volunteered."

The most challenging aspect of her job, she said, is realizing her own and the organization's limits.

"I have to make myself put the brakes on, not only personally, but for the organization," said Lloyd.

"Since we're a regional resource center for non-profit organizations, we tend to do a variety of projects. I want to do quality projects, not necessarily a large number of them if it is going to affect how well they are done."

The variety of the job is what she enjoys.

"Each day is different," added Lloyd. "One minute you are dealing with a mayor's office, the next minute you are one on one with a volunteer or a member of the press. There's always something new."

Her interest in volunteerism came from family and increased while she was a student at Churchland High.

"What I've noticed in my experience is the cause you volunteer for has to mean something to you," said Lloyd. "I try to encourage people to pick something near and dear to them, like volunteering for a group that deals with a hobby or a family member who has an illness."

"Volunteers are usually thought of as people who have a lot of time, but that's not always true. They tend to be extremely busy people outside volunteering."

In Lloyd's own volunteering experiences, her most memorable moment comes from when she worked with pet therapy.

"I went back to this nursing home many times," she said, "and one of the residents never showed any emotion. After a while, he started smiling a bit."

After graduating from Old Dominion University, Lloyd left the Hampton Roads area to work for Hunton and Williams law firm in Richmond.

"I missed being close to the ocean and I wanted to be back home," she said.

Lloyd met her husband, Jim, through a secretary who both of them had worked with at different times. He is an attorney.

"Both our jobs, especially mine, have a lot of hours outside 9 to 5," added Lloyd. "Fortunately, I have a very understanding husband."

Up close and personal

Elizabeth Lloyd: Doing more, being more



When not working or spending time with her family, Lloyd enjoys gardening flowers and painting pictures.

"I like to paint acrylics of beach scenes and animals," she said. "I just do it for myself. I've never been in a show. I think if I started doing it for shows I'd enjoy it less."

Spending time with her daughter is very important to her.

"I try to be like my mother," said Lloyd. "She always put others before herself and I remember her as strong, but kind. She has always encouraged me to go after my dreams."

"I want to teach my daughter to care about others, to treasure her family and to be whatever she wants to be."

With an example such as Lloyd, that wish is destined to become reality.

Name: Elizabeth Lloyd.

What brought you to this area: I grew up in Portsmouth. Other than spending a couple of years in Richmond, I have lived in this area all my life.

Hometown: Portsmouth.

Age: 35.

Nickname: Beth.

Occupation: Executive director of VOLUNTEER Hampton Roads.

Marital Status: Married to Jim for seven years.

Children: Taylor, 3. She is the joy of our life.

Favorite movies: My all-time favorite is "Casablanca" and I like any comedies.

Magazines I read regularly: Non-Profit Times, Working Mother and Better Homes and Gardens.

Favorite author: Stephen Covey.

Favorite night out on the town: An evening of dinner and dancing with my husband. We rarely get to do this because of our child.

Favorite restaurant: Aldo's.

Favorite meal and beverage: Pasta and Sprite.

What most people don't know about me: Although I appear calm and collected on the outside, I tend to be anxious.

Best thing about myself: I am dedicated to both individuals and causes.

Worst habit: I worry about the little things too much.

Pets: A little cat named Monet.

Hobbies: Gardening, arts and crafts, working out and swimming.

Ideal vacation: Relaxing on the northern beaches of the Outer Banks.

Pet peeves: Disorganization.

First job: I was a sales clerk at Country Legend, a store that sold clothes like Levis.

Least liked job: Working the graveyard shift as a dispatcher during college.

Favorite sports: Baseball and cycling.

Favorite musicians: Harry Connick Jr. and Counting Crows.

Most embarrassing moment: I was speaking to a crowd of 500 people and realized the microphone wasn't on.

How I would like to be remembered: The same as I think of my own mother — not only a great mother, but a great friend.

If I received \$1 million: I'd first buy a cottage on Virgin Gorda (where my husband and I honeymooned) and then give some of it to charity.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I would say that no matter how much time you think you have or don't have, you always have time to volunteer and make a difference in someone's life.

Special leader picked for High Holiday Services

Twenty-eight-year-old Aviva

Bass, who is in her final year of combined studies and training as a rabbi, cantor and education administrator, will return to Hampton Roads in September to lead Jewish High Holiday services for a unique Jewish worship group, Tidewater Chavurah.

The special services for Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, will be held at Grand Affairs (Pleasure House Road just off Shore Drive) at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, also Saturday, Sept. 11 at 10:30 a.m.

Yom Kippur evening services for Tidewater Chavurah will be held Sunday, Sept. 19 at 8 p.m., also at Grand Affairs. Yom Kippur morning services will be held on Monday, Sept. 20 at 10:30 a.m. at the

same location.

Rabbi Bass, whose rich soprano voice enriches and punctuates her thoughtful and reflective services, was asked to lead the group's religious activities during the 1999-2000 period, after having provided Rabbinic leadership during Tidewater Chavurah's first year of formation. She will travel here once a month from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia, as part of her Rabbinic studies.

Tidewater Chavurah was formed in 1998 to offer Jewish worship, study and friendship to unaffiliated Jews in Hampton Roads who practice in the Reform and Reconstructionist tradition. The group holds Sabbath services bi-weekly at the Kempville Conservative Synagogue, on Indian Lakes Blvd. in

Virginia Beach. Religious school participation is available as a part of the Tidewater Chavurah program.

Rabbi Bass earlier had received a four year music vocal scholarship and Pearson Academic Scholarship to attend the University of Miami, where she graduated magna cum laude with a double major in music and Judaic studies. While at the University of Miami, she was a National Dean's List honoree, and also received the Most Outstanding Student Award in the Judaic Studies Department.

In addition to her current rabbinic and cantorial training, Bass is also attending Gratz College to obtain her master's degree in Jewish Education. She will graduate from both programs in June, 2000.

Members of the public who wish to inquire about attendance at Tidewater Chavurah High Holiday or Sabbath services or about membership in the group are asked to call 460-5007.

Parents Without Partners will meet

Single Parents of Virginia Beach Chapter 216 of Parents Without Partners will hold new member orientations Aug. 9 and Aug. 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Bryant and Stratton College, 301 Centre Pointe Dr. For more information call, 498-2666.

The Virginia Beach Sun

Virginia Beach Symphony hosts pianist Kyong Jarrell

The Virginia Beach Symphony Orchestra Wind Quintet with guest pianist Kyong Jarrell will present its second annual summer chamber music concert Sunday at 3 p.m.

The concert will be presented at the First Presbyterian Church, 36th and Pacific Avenue in Virginia Beach.

The program will consist of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "Quintet for Piano and Winds, K. 452"; Ludwig van Beethoven's, "Quintet for Piano and Winds, Op. 16"; and Francis Poulenc's "Sextet for Piano and Winds."

Members of The Virginia Beach Symphony Orchestra Wind Quintet are Amber Kidd, flute; Harvey Stokes, oboe; Marvin Western, clarinet; Clint Motteler, horn; and Elizabeth Foushee, bassoon.

A donation of \$8 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students is suggested. The proceeds from the concert will benefit the Virginia Beach Symphony Orchestra's scholarship fund for area high school woodwind and brass players and percussionists.

For more information call, 851-6633.

Telephone book recycling offered to Beach businesses

The Virginia Beach Waste Management Division and Tidewater Fibre Corp (TFC) will offer to Virginia Beach businesses collection of old telephone directories beginning Aug. 12 through Sept. 3.

Folk concert set

The Tidewater Friends of Folk Music (TFFM) will sponsor a special concert featuring local folk music legend Bob Zentz. He will be joined by New England folk scene mainstay, Rick Lee.

The concert will be held at the historic Francis Land House on Saturday, Aug. 14 at 7:30 p.m. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Admission is \$11. TFFM members only \$9 and children 7-17 are half price. Call 431-4000 for reservations.

Major takes new role

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Hungry Mother State Park, which has outreach programs in the area's public schools and interpretive programs at the park several times a week, provides a great opportunity to spread this message, said Major, who will be coordinating the interpretive programs.

Southwest Virginia's mountainous terrain is very different from the coastal ecosystem, but Major's used to change by now. He has lived from Maine to Florida, and has a background that includes a stint as a Marine Corps officer, a master's degree in American literature, and a job at a dolphin breeding and educational center.

It was, in fact, his eclectic qualifications, that range from teaching and writing to training as a police officer, that won him the position at Hungry Mother.

Major and wife Susie, who worked at the Dolphin Research Center in the Florida Keys, are writing a book about their experiences with dolphins. Susie, Major said, is the primary author of "The Wisdom of Dolphins," which will be released this fall.

"I did most of the writing," Susie agreed, although Major wrote sections about his own experiences with the marine mammal, edited most of the book and contributed pictures that he'd collected while in Florida.

Major and Susie also publish a quarterly newsletter, MajorSigns, as a way of staying in touch with old friends and sharing informational articles, reviews and humorous pieces contributed by the subscribers.

It was, in fact, the Bentons' interest in writing and communication that led to their environmental careers. Major, who grew up in Suffolk, was taking a post-graduate course in the writings of Henry David Thoreau when he learned

about a job at the Audubon Society.

He eventually accepted a job at Dolphin Connection, a center funded by the Chicago Zoo and located in the Florida Keys.

Major met Susie, who was working at the nearby Dolphin Research Center, while he was in Florida.

"I have a background in psychology and communication," she said, "and I went to the Dolphin Research Center as the visual communications coordinator. But I was also trained as a dolphin handler, and that was a real education."

Major and Susie moved to Virginia in 1995 when he accepted a job at the Virginia Zoo, and Susie began working in the interpretive and outreach programs at the Marine Science Museum. She presented programs on marine life in the public schools, and she also served as an interpreter for their dolphin watching programs.

"I'm not sure what I'll do in the mountains," she said. "I have a lot of different interests."

Major's plans include enhancing the park's already active program schedule, and his dreams for False Cape include seeing more environmental education programs there.

"It's great that False Cape is set up like it is," he said, referring to the park's limited access. "The primary offering here is the environmental education center (which houses scouting, school or other groups who are staying in the park for environmental education program.)" It would be great if the park could add a couple more, so they could bring more groups in. There's such a combination of things here, including history and geology, as well as all of the plants and animals and the ocean and bay.

"We've really enjoyed it here," he added, "and Susie and I have enjoyed it every place we've lived."



KICKING UP THEIR HEELS. Virginia Beach is also known for its equine operations, as farm tour visitors discovered.

City folk discover farm life

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34,000 acres of farmland in Virginia Beach with an economic impact of \$51 million on the community. The area is a major producer of corn, wheat and soybeans.

There are also dairy farms, hog farms, fruit and vegetable farms, organic farms, flower farms, turkey farms, and fish farms.

After acquainting the people with the farms, officials hope they will come back and visit the farms for a fun, family experience and continue to purchase farm products.

On a recent Saturday, the tour included Pungo Blueberries, West Neck Creek Equestrian Center, and Henley Farm.

At Pungo Blueberries, owner Robert Burns showed the group all the products he and his wife, Juanita, grew or made on the farm. There were blueberries, blackberries, cherry tomatoes, blue potatoes, elephant garlic, jam, jellies, honey, vinegars and syrups.

After a few moments of tasting, the group went off to pick blueberries or blackberries. They also visited animals in the mini-zoo.

The Burns guarantee their products to be fresh and homegrown. "We don't sell anything we don't grow," Burns said.

The friendly farmers also offer a wealth of information regarding gardening, pollination, pesticides, animals and a simpler, gentler way of life. Burns is a retired Marine who used to work at the Pentagon.

"We've always had a garden," he said. "This is a way of life. You don't get rich on it, but it's the price you're willing to pay for freedom and living out here."

The next stop on the tour was the equestrian center. Friendly dogs, cats and horses and staff greeted the visitors. The group learned about the care of horses and watched riding lessons.

About 30 horses are boarded at the facility, most of them show animals. The horses spend their days in stalls. Horses are used to cool the stalls and insecticide periodically



PLUMP FOR THE PICKING. Tom Kirk anticipates the savory meal he'll make from some sweet Virginia Beach corn.

sprays from the ceiling to control annoying insects. The horses spend the nights in the pastures grazing on special grass that contain only 40 percent clover.

On the last leg of the trip, the group stopped at Henley Farm. Schiemann drove the bus out into the corn field, where folks picked their own Silver Ice Corn. They also could buy new red potatoes, melons, peppers, tomatoes and cucumbers at the farm stand, while the children cuddled and passed around a gray, gentle kitten.

Those that took the tour were pleased.

"It's been a blast," said Cathy Opler of Virginia Beach, who came with her daughter, Jessica. "I liked how the farmer said he planted a bunch of blueberries plants and half of them died," she said. "It was like, 'oh well, try it again.' I think that's good for kids to hear."

Dorothy Kelly of Virginia Beach agreed. She brought relatives from

Atlanta with her.

"I think this is a wonderful program," she said. "We need more fun, educational and inexpensive things to take children to."

The farm tour was also a hit with tourists.

Charles Smith from Rhode Island was visiting his sister Cheryl Drake in Norfolk when she read about the event. They went on a tour on a Wednesday and had such a good time, they returned on Saturday.

"I was looking for something different to do," she said. "We have beaches in Rhode Island."

The farm tours are over for now. Some will be offered during the Green Sea Festival that will be held in Chesapeake in October. However, local farms still have summer produce and many will have fall produce, pumpkins and hayrides.

A list of the farms is available at the Farmers Market and local libraries.

Surfing policy: So far, so good

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

Extending surfing to some former swimmers — only beaches hasn't resulted in safety problems but city officials reported to City Council at a work session Tuesday that there has not been enough time to assess the impact of the

eased restrictions.

One major problem, however, was a violation of shore break restrictions and varied compliance with the leash requirement.

City Council on June 22 eased restrictions on surfing under a trial basis, opening surfing Monday through Thursday in the north end beaches, Croatan and Sandbridge. Restrictions remain in place in the areas Friday through Sunday and in the resort areas daily.

Bruce Edwards, director, Department of Emergency Services, reported the new policy was evaluated so far by observation by the police department, the three lifeguard services and the EMS Aquatic Rescue Teams, as well as public comment.

Edward M. Brazile, regulations and enforcement coordination, EMS, reported that results were uneventful, that no injuries were reported. The leash requirement — keeping the boards attached to the surfer's ankle with a leash — was violated in 10 to 30 percent of the observed surfers — this applied to the designated surfing areas as well, but reckless behavior was rarely seen.

Two Croatan citizens, however, reported reckless activity and near collisions.

A major problem was the violation of shore break restrictions, which

require that surfers must remain 30 feet beyond the shore break. Surfers on the shore break do conflict with the swimmers and boogie boarders, but no collision injuries were reported.

Brazile said that 50 percent of the surfers questioned were not Virginia Beach residents. The report, he also pointed out was based on only 18 days of open surfing.

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf said that some of the problem may be the lack of education about the ordinance. She said that some surfers she talked to did not know anything about a shore break.

Brazile agreed that face to face education was needed. One of the difficult parts of enforcement, he added is that the police officers need to witness the event. By the time the police get to the location, the surfer is gone or the behavior is not in evidence.

Councilman Linwood Branch III suggested signs at the beaches to inform surfers.

Most of the surfers questioned claimed ignorance of local ordinances.

Officials concluded that even with another month of review time it will still be difficult to perform a conclusive scientific study. A more comprehensive report and recommendations will be provided in the fall.

Beach 'wired' 41 of 50 in national survey

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

Virginia Beach is in a metropolitan region that ranks 41st of the top 50 in the nation in computer use. But for David Sullivan, Virginia Beach chief information officer, that isn't enough.

In a report to City Council at a work session Tuesday, Sullivan said access to computers should be available to everyone.

Although this region has climbed from 46th to 41st place in a survey conducted by Yahoo Internet Life Magazine, Sullivan conceded that some localities in the region may tend to pull the numbers down. The region used for the survey purposes is the same as the Norfolk/Virginia Beach census tract which includes a number of southern localities and even Currituck County, N.C.

But Sullivan pointed out that some regions don't make the top 50 at all.

Today, Sullivan said, Virginia Beach is "wired."

However, in all areas the technology is not affordable for all. When Cox Communications finishes upgrading its system, expected in about 18 months, Sullivan said that service will be affordable. He said that Cox plans to charge a flat rate.

Sullivan said the region scored the highest in home and work net use — 20.6 percent use the internet at home and 17.4 percent at work.

Lower scores were recorded for the number of "coms" — not as well as the District of Columbia and Silicon Valley.

As for the number accessing the internet, San Francisco is champ with 13 computers for every 1,000 people.

Councilwoman Reba McClanran said that in San Francisco, a large percentage of users operate out of their homes.

Sullivan said that San Francisco is so far ahead that its numbers are five times the next in line — Austin.

Councilwoman Nancy Parker asked whether figures could be obtained for the Beach only. She also suggested that a question on the number of computers used in the Beach might be tacked on to the city's bi-annual citizens satisfaction survey.

The magazine survey also found that 68 percent of homes with children under 18 have computers.

Sullivan said computers could be 100 times faster with new technology and "no end is in sight."

He said that by the time a child born today finishes college, knowledge may have quadrupled; by the time that child reaches age 50, knowledge will have grown 32 fold.

Sullivan said the city can lead, follow or resist change, but that the only way he sees to go is to lead. He said Virginia Beach has been doing a lot of leading.

The city's vision of a wired city, he said, is easy and affordable access and connectivity to worldwide information for all citizens, business, schools and government.

Sullivan spoke of the "digital divide," which separates the computer haves and have nots. "We can't afford that," he said.

He said that technology is opening a new kind of development. Traditionally localities see business as a big building with a lot of employees. But one firm in Florida, he said, has all its employees working from their homes. There is no building, no traffic and there are employment options.

Sullivan said that the Virginia Beach public schools have the best network in Virginia. High speed computers have been in high schools for the past three or four years and were placed in elementary schools last year.

Among the possibilities for getting information to the people are putting real estate records on the internet, suggested recently by the city's real estate assessor Gerald Benigan. He said that there is a dilemma about privacy, but so long as the records are a matter of public record, the information ought to be delivered that way.

He said that an explosion in wireless technology is expected as well. Wired or wireless, he said, the choice would depend on the use. If the user is moving around, the wireless is best; if the use is stationary, fiber optics is best.

Sullivan recommended that the city participate in regional efforts to boost workforce technology competency, participate in the Hampton Roads "Smart Region Initiative," and continue to focus on information technology and telecommunications for economic development.

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FALSE CAPE HIGHLIGHTS

Want to do something different with the kids? Bring them out to False Cape State Park Saturday, Aug. 7 for Parent and Youth Fishing Day. This bonding experience is sure to be fun for everyone. You can dip your pole into this area's pristine waters and catch a wide variety of fish.

Transportation will be provided into and out of the park. You can bring your own equipment but some will be provided. Meet at Little Island City Park at 8:30 a.m. Some other things you might want to bring include: bug spray, suntan lotion, a hat, sunglasses, lunch, towels, chairs and plenty of drinking water. Bring your camera if you want to capture these memories forever.

For prices and reservations call False Cape State Park, 426-7128.

Bring the family out to False Cape State Park on Sunday, Aug. 15 to see what the beach has in store. You'll work up an appetite as you check out what is left on the shore line after high tide as well as who thrives in this sandy environment. Have your baskets packed at 10 a.m. because that's when the fun starts. The program lasts until 2 p.m. so be aware of the walking.

Some other things you might want to bring include: bug spray, a hat, towels, sunglasses, suntan lotion, plenty of drinking water, comfortable shoes and of course your favorite beach foods. A camera is also a good item to bring so you can catch those incredible moments on film. Transportation will be provided into and out of the park. Meet at Little Island City Park at 9:30 a.m.

For reservations and further information call False Cape State Park, 426-7128.

Ever wonder what has above you the sky started to dim and fade to black? Bring the whole family out to False Cape State Park for a night of stargazing and star gazing. Find out the truth about Orion's Belt and many other constellations. This program will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 18 starting at 7 p.m. and runs until 10 p.m.

Transportation into and out of the park will be provided. Meet at Little Island City Park at 6:30 p.m. Some things you might want to bring for this night adventure are: bug spray, a hat, plenty of drinking water, a beach blanket and flashlight.

For reservations and further information call False Cape State Park, 426-7128.

■ This evening canoe trip will

have you on the edge of your seat or canoe. Just make sure you don't fall in as you search the waters of Back Bay for the animals that have made their homes here. This program will be held on Friday, August 20 and run from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Some things you might want to bring along include a hat, bug spray, water shoes, flashlight, a towel and plenty of drinking water. Transportation will be provided into and out of the park. Meet at Little Island City Park at 6 p.m.

Spaces are limited. For prices and reservations call False Cape State Park, 426-7128.

You'll be amazed during this side show presentation and night walk as you view the life of these incredible animals, called sea turtles. On Thursday, Aug. 26 you can experience their life first hand and see how they survive the world's wide range of harsh environments. The show starts at 7 p.m. and lasts until 1 p.m.

Transportation will be provided into and out of the park. Meet at Little Island City Park at 6:30 p.m. A few things to bring along include: bug spray, comfortable shoes, plenty of drinking water, a flashlight and a hat.

For reservations and further information call False Cape State Park, 426-7128.

Explore this area as the first Native Americans did. Use the tool of the canoe to guide you on a tour of history. You'll be fascinated by the stories you hear and the sights you see. Let your imagination take you to a time of a special partnership between the bay and the humans who lived as one with it. This program will be held on Sunday, Aug. 22. It will start at noon and end at 4 p.m.

Transportation into and out of the park is provided. Meet at Little Island City Park at 11:30 a.m. Some things you might want to bring include: bug spray, suntan lotion, plenty of drinking water, a towel, sunglasses, a hat and water shoes.

Spaces are limited. For prices and reservations call False Cape State Park, 426-7128.

Enjoy a leisurely paddle in a canoe on Back Bay's waters while searching for wildlife. They won't be too hard to spot in False Cape State Park since you will be in a natural setting. This fun-filled adventure will be held on Saturday, Aug. 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Transportation will be provided into and out of the park. Meet at Little Island City Park at 8:30 a.m. A few things to include in your backpack are: bug spray, suntan lotion, plenty of drinking water, a hat, sunglasses, a towel, water shoes and a lunch. You also might want to bring along a camera and binoculars.

Spaces are limited. For prices and reservations call False Cape State Park, 426-7128.

'Beach Clips' takes look at city's past, art offerings

The July through September edition of "Beach Clips" offers a savory summertime menu of sumptuous ideas for leisure time activities. If you're looking for something fun, interesting or different, turn to "Beach Clips" and see what's cooking.

Historically speaking, this edition of Beach Clips serves up two entrees: a look at the venerable Upper Wolfbane Plantation. You'll see a house which was built in the 1700's and is lived in today. You'll also get a look at the historic Lynnhaven House. This home is not presently lived in, but it shows you how things were back in the 1700s.

In addition, "Beach Clips" reports on two annual Virginia Beach art shows — the Boardwalk Art Show and the Princess Anne Park Art and Craft Festival. You'll see a bit of each and learn why these shows are so important to Virginia Beach. Did you know that Virginia Beach is a cultural mecca? If not, then you might find our story on the multi-cultural activities in our city very interesting. See what the Parks and Recreation Department is doing to encourage our enjoyment of diverse cultures.

And see how the Parks and Recreation Department PLAY team encourages children to have a great time during the summer months.

Top it off with a restful and educational tour of the city's last undeveloped salt marsh. Take a ride on the Coastal Explorer and see what a treasure this city has in the unique and exquisite Owls Creek Salt Marsh.

The "CityMinute" will feature the employees of the City's Video Services Division. These hard working folks bring you interesting and informative programming about your city government. Get a behind-the-scenes look at the crew.

"Beach Clips," shown on YBTV Channel 48, will air from Aug. 2 through Sept. 19 at these times:

■ Monday, 1:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m.

■ Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m.

■ Thursday, 1:30 a.m., 6:30 a.m.

■ Friday, 6:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m.

■ Saturday, 1:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m.

■ Sunday, 1:30 a.m., 6:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m.

Back Bay hosts youngsters' trip

What is a mermaid's purse? Where do ghost crabs live? How do mole crabs eat? Where are coquina clams found? What lives in the sand?

These questions and more will be answered Saturday, Aug. 7 during a beach excursion for youngsters aged 8-14 at Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

The program will begin at 10 a.m. and will last between 60 and 90 minutes. Pre-registration is required for this program and is limited to 20 individuals. For more information and to pre-register call, 721-2412. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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cuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3112, page 2144 and re-recorded in Deed Book 3123, page 910, securing a loan which was originally \$61,976.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on August 20, 1999 at 8:05 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 27, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Subdivision of Lynbrook Landing, Section 1." Tax Map #1468-52-5606-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$5,700.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be required at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA

FOR INFORMATION CON-

TACT: Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
2149 Schubert Drive
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from William J. Boss, Jr. and Sandra D. Boss dated April 4, 1997 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3725, page 1375, securing a loan which was originally \$128,800.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on September 3, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 11, Block A, as shown on that certain plat entitled "SUBDIVISION OF OCEAN LAKES EAST, SECTION ONE, PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH," Tax Map #2414-38-7842-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$12,700.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be required at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: Conventional

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Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
341 Opal Avenue
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Donna L. Borgie dated March 26, 1998 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3863, page 1784, securing a loan which was originally \$83,027.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request

of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on August 20, 1999 at 8:04 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot L, Block B as shown on that certain plat entitled "Subdivision of ARAGONA VILLAGE, Section Thirteen." Tax Map #1477-06-4237.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$8,300.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be required at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
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Public Notice

Virginia:
The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, August 24, 1999 at 6:00 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION: DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE

1. An Ordinance upon Application of Norman Construction Co. Inc. for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-7.5 Residential District to Conditional I-1 Light Industrial District on certain property located on the north side of Baker Road beginning at a point 1300 feet more or less east of Newtown Road (GPIN #1468-40-4222). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional I-1 is for light industrial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential densities at or below 3.5 dwelling units per acre that are compatible with single-family in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 2.696 acres.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT: DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE

2. An Ordinance upon Application of MRP Design Group for a Conditional Use Permit for an automobile service station on conjunction with a convenience store and an automobile repair shop (auto detailing) at the northeast corner of Holland Road and Lynnhaven Parkway. Said parcel is located at 3282 Holland Road and contains 1.853 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL

3. An Ordinance upon Application of The City of Refuge Christian Church of Virginia for a Conditional Use Permit for a church (expansion) on the west side of S. Independence Boulevard, south of Dahlia Drive (GPIN #1485-39-1908). Said parcel is located at 1917 S. Independence Boulevard and contains 38,693 square feet. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AEE City Clerk
If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303; Hearing impaired, call TDD only 427-4305 (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf).

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
1112 Valley Stream Court
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from John Van Orden, II and Shirlene K. Van Orden dated May 30, 1986 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 2509, page 103, secur-

ing a loan which was originally \$93,900.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on August 27, 1999 at 8:04 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 14, Block A, as shown on the plat of Indian Lakes Subdivision, Section B-1. Tax Map #1465-79-2601-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$8,100.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be required at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA

FOR INFORMATION CON-

TACT: Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
709 Lord Byron Drive
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Marshall W. Stokes, III and Dawn L. Stokes dated January 12, 1994 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3353, page 1039, securing a loan which was originally \$73,200.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on August 27, 1999 at 8:03 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 2, in Block 9, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Plat of Windsor Oaks West Subdivision, Section 5." Tax Map #1486-06-2360-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$6,900.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be required at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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FOR INFORMATION CON-

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Leesburg, Virginia 20175
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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
5421 Wallingford Arch
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Chester A. Shell dated February 22, 1996 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3588, page 2019, securing a loan which was originally \$162,000.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal

Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on August 13, 1999 at 8:01 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 63, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Lake James, Phase I-B, Kempville Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia." Tax Map #1465-16-0038.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$162,000.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be required at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: Conventional

FOR INFORMATION CON-

TACT: Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
913 Marquet Court
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Tara L. Strawhand dated October 14, 1996 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3673, page 1489, securing a loan which was originally \$351,500.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on August 13, 1999 at 8:02 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 64, Haven Heights, Section two, as recorded in Map Book 48, page 9. Tax Map #1466-33-3981-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$30,000.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be required at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: Conventional

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Substitute Trustees
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Leesburg, Virginia 20175
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Public Notice

North Carolina, Wake County
In the General Court of Justice,
District Court Division
Kenneth H. Clark, Jr., Plaintiff
vs.

Michelle R. Clark, Defendant

Notice of Service

Of Process by Publication
TO: Michelle R. Clark. Take Notice: That a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the General Court of Justice, District Court Division, by the Plaintiff herein, the nature of which is as follows: Absolute divorce based upon one year's separation. You are required by law to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days from the date of the first publication of this Notice. If you fail to do so, the Plaintiff will see the relief sought herein. This the 14th day of July, 1999.

Signed: Kenneth H. Clark, Jr.

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Kids explore outdoors at Back Bay

By Kate Wagner
Correspondent

The Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge, located in Sandbridge, is offering a variety of programs geared for families.

Last Saturday, Outdoor Recreation Planner Dafny Jones was found on the beach teaching children about sea life in the ocean.

"The program is aimed to educate kids," said Jones. "We tell them what's nibbling on their toes in the water and that it's not so scary. We show them the ocean is fun and there's more to do here than just swim."

The program, "Let's Explore the Beach," is just one of many programs offered this summer.

Five-year-old Nick House was enjoying his day at the beach with Jones.

"Now that I'm 5, I'm not scared of the water," said House. "I liked holding the mole crab because it wiggled into the sand mound."

House got to see three mole crabs that morning and also fish and shells. He was very excited when he learned why croaker fish are called croakers.

"Someone caught a croaker and let us listen to it make a croaking sound," said Jones.

Jones and House were also busy catching their own sea life. They used a fishing net and brought up sand filled with all types of ocean goodies. After they stilled through

the sand, Jones explained what the sea life was and where it is usually found.

"This lets families know what's in the beach and they can tell their kids about it," said Jones. "This way, the kids learn more about ordinary things they would have never known about."

Jones has worked at Back Bay for one year. She said her favorite part of the job is programs like this one.

"I get down and dirty," laughed Jones, as she stood knee-deep in the ocean with her fish net. "But I love working with the kids. It opens up a whole new world."

The youths who attend these types of programs do get more than just a day at the beach. Jones described one time where the children picked their brains to tell the difference between a knobshell and a lightningwink shell.

"The kids described the differences between the shells, and didn't realize that they open up on different sides," said Jones.

The knobshell opens on the right and the lightningwink opens on the left. This exercise is an example of how the program involves the youngsters and teaches them about the ocean.

"The program is great because we come outside and learn about the local environment. It's a way to enjoy the aesthetics," said Jones.

Let's Explore the Beach will be

offered again Aug. 7 from 10 to 11 a.m.

The following programs are also offered at the Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge:

■ **Morning Bike Hike**, (9 a.m. to noon). Join Refuge Volunteer Bill Cohick for this hike. It will take place along the east and west bike trails and provide excellent opportunities for viewing songbirds and other wildlife active during these hours. Bring binoculars and bicycle suitable for sandy terrain. (Pre-registration required)

■ **Evening Tram Tour**, (7 to 8:30 p.m.). Join Outdoor Recreation Planner Dafny Jones for a leisurely ride around the bike trails of Back Bay.

Learn more about the Refuge and see the wealth of wildlife within. (pre-registration required)

■ **Exploring Ecology and Nature** at Back Bay, (9 to 11 a.m.). Join Refuge Volunteer Vickie Shuler as she lends her humor, enthusiasm and broad range of knowledge of general ecology and nature on a leisurely walk through Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge. (Pre-registration required)

All programs will begin at the Visitor Contact Station unless otherwise noted. The station is located at the end of Sandpiper Road in the Sandbridge community of southern Virginia Beach.

Programs require pre-registration. For more information and to pre-register call, 721-2412. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. There is no charge for programs, however an entrance fee of \$4 per vehicle is required.



EXPLORERS. Outdoor Recreation Planner Dafny Jones with Back Bay Wildlife Refuge teaches young Nick House about a mole crab.

Council OK's light rail referendum

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lies with the state.

He said the question of funding is too remote and too nebulous. The question, however, does include the verbiage "and financing."

Prior to the council's action, Brian Kirwein of London Bridge said that leaving the tax out would be wrong. He said that it should be on the November ballot.

As for postponing the referendum until the May election so that more information on light rail would be available, it would be "politics as usual."

He said there is still time, with the referendum scheduled in November, for all interests to take the issues to the public.

He said he did not need more studies to know that he would not use light rail which is not expected to go to such beach attractions as the GTE Amphitheater.

When council committed itself to a referendum, it also gave approval to the Tidewater Regional Transit (TRT) to continue its study of light rail.

Al Strazzullo said he was ticked off by an editorial in the daily newspaper which said that if the referendum were placed on the November ballot, light rail would be derailed. He pointed out that light rail received \$7.9 million for a study. He said it is not realistic to believe that putting the item on the ballot will defeat light rail.

He said also that the editorial charged that council had the inability to make tough decisions. "I don't know of any local government that has the nerve to (call for a referendum on light rail)."

He said that when all the cities came to Virginia Beach asking for approval to go ahead with the studies, Virginia Beach had one condition, the referendum. "Now everyone wants to forget it."

He said that while nobody knows what tax or any tax will be used to

fund the project, "there is no free lunch" and "we're talking about a billion dollar project or more."

Wally Erb, Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations, said that voters have loads of information available on 60 internet sites and numerous editorials and articles. Saying they need more information is propaganda. He said that the question (he was referring to the original question addresses what Clark is to address).

David Clark, a former member of the Regional Planning Commission, said he was in favor of delay. He said that the Metropolitan Planning District is studying the seven major projects by which every region benefits in different ways. He said the balance is needed in the transportation system and that the state has too much to do with too little money. He said that the referendum should not be held until the studies are complete. He said he otherwise had no argument with the referendum.

Robert Dean, a former city councilman and president of the Citizens Action Coalition, said that the price of the light rail, not counting the Naval Base extension, has risen from \$102 million in 1988 to \$1.3 billion. He said that he did not think the taxpayers can afford to educate the public any more.

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf said that council was committed to having the public let us know how they feel about light rail.

Councilwoman Nancy Parker moved to approve the original referendum question including the 5 percent gas tax. Councilwoman Reba McClanahan seconded the motion, but the substitute motion by Harrison excluding the 5 percent gas tax passed.

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf said that it was Strazzullo said, the public knows there is no free lunch, and said she could support Harrison's motion.

Councilman Linwood Branch III, saying he was one of the five who

did not endorse further study of light rail in the 1996 action, said that he was comfortable with the program of the MPO.

He said that other means of mass transit such as buses might serve the region better. He said that Harrison's question allows council to get the public's position on light rail, leaving the funding up to the state. He said funding can only be settled in Richmond.

Hentley said that it was very unfortunate that City Council would be seen as making a last minute maneuver. She said that if it had not been for the commitment to the referendum the council would not have approved the environment impact study.

She said that 1999 was not in the resolution as the year the referendum would be held, but it was understood. She also said that it was appropriate not to be specific about the financial plan because what funding plan will be used is not known. She then asked that the Naval Base link be included in the wording.

Harrison said he never intended the wording to exclude the Naval Base, and the Norfolk International Airport. He said he just wanted to keep the wording simple.

Councilman Harold Heischhofer said that the Naval Base and the Airport are included in Norfolk. He said that had council not placed the condition in respect to the alignment to the Naval Base, light rail would have been killed by the City Council.

He said, however, that if the voters approved light rail, the city would be locked into the five percent gas tax which would not be wise. He said he liked Harrison's approach. He said that funding may take a totally different turn. "We will be asking for funding from the state for the seven (MPO) projects; mass transit may or may not include light rail."

Councilman Louis R. Jones said that he did not vote for the 1996 resolution but felt that he had a

commitment to the voters. He said that he supported Harrison's question because the MPO is looking at a funding plan for several transportation.

"We don't really know whether or not we need 5 percent. It may be more. I hate to be in a position where we said five percent and it would be more."

Vice Mayor William D. Sessoms Jr. said that he could support a delay but that he would honor council's commitment. As for funding, he said, that's in the MPO package.

Parker said that funding would more than likely be in the form of a gas tax.

Oberndorf said that this was not necessarily so. In other cities, funding has been in the form of sales taxes and other special taxes.

Harrison said he offered the change because there was "absolutely no pragmatic way to address financing in the next 60 days. Parker had suggested delaying the vote.

He said if the promise had not been made to the voters, he would have deferred the question until more information was available....

Councilwoman Margaret Eure said that the referendum was premature, but that she could support Harrison's resolution.

She said that Virginia Beach cannot impose a gas tax.

"It's not our responsibility," Eure said. She said that the funding can come from a sales tax or the state surplus — the General Assembly will settle that. She said she would not have supported the funding part of the original question.

Eure said the city should work toward getting the legislators to get on board and get better funding.

"Regional cooperation is important; it bothers me that one city can kill the transportation system for the whole region."

She said she was not personally in favor of a referendum but she would support it.

Three smaller fuel facilities to be located at south end

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

City staff has recommended construction of three smaller fuel facilities in the southern end of the city rather than one large facility. The stations will serve school buses and fire trucks.

The three smaller sites will actually be less expensive than the one larger site and have the added bonus of being acceptable to the residents.

The capital improvement program includes \$1,861,727 for the construction of two fueling facilities, one at the city's Euclid Maintenance Yard which was finished last fall and the other in the southern portion of the city.

David Gromchal, director of general services, told City Council at a work session Tuesday that 12 sites were considered south of Indian River Road where a fuel station was needed for the schools. Most of the sites are city-owned.

The staff first decided on the Creeds Airfield site, but wanted the selection to be acceptable to the

community. Gromchal said that residents felt that the airfield was not a good location, that the roads that would be used were narrow and that the facility, which would be open 24 hours a day, would have lighting offensive to the community.

The smaller sites, which were acceptable to the community will be located at Pleasant Ridge, at the Blackwater Fire Station and a smaller facility at the new Creeds Fire Station. The facility at Creeds would serve both the school buses and the fire trucks and would access on Princess Anne Road. No side roads would need to be used.

Gromchal said the three facilities will be slightly less expensive than the larger facility.

With the completion of the three facilities, Gromchal said the city will have completed its goal of providing fuel facilities city-wide. City Manager James K. Spore said that since the cost is less, funds will be available for upgrading the landscaping.

Divaris elected VSC president

Michael B. Divaris of Virginia Beach, executive vice president of Divaris Real Estate, was recently elected president of Virginia State Company's Board of Trustees.

Suspect sought in personal assault

Virginia Beach police are asking for help in solving an assault. On Feb. 14 at 4 a.m., a female was attacked in the 1200 block of Edenham Court in

Virginia Beach.

As she walked into the hallway of her apartment building, she noticed a man standing under the stairwell. As she unlocked the deadbolt on her door, she was grabbed by the subject and was thrown to the ground and punched in her face. She was able to

fight off her attacker by punching and kicking him. The man got up and ran away.

The suspect was black, 23 to 27 years old, 5-foot-11 to 6-foot tall, about 200 pounds with a medium build. He was wearing a Navy blue long sleeve sweatshirt, Navy blue track pants and sneakers.

If you can identify the suspect, call 1-888-LOCK-UP-UP. As always, you will remain anonymous and you will not have to appear in court.

Crime Solvers

By Det. Lou Chappell,
Virginia Beach Police Department

Human Rights Commission gets officers

The Virginia Beach Human Rights Commission (HRC), which serves as a model for other similar agencies in the state, is pleased to announce its new officers for 1999: Dr. Joshua F. Edwards Sr., chair, and Gene A. Woolard, vice-chair.

Edwards has been a member of the HRC for nearly seven years and has previously served as vice-chair. He is an administrator and professor at Norfolk State University. Edwards has been an active member of the commission for four years and is Deputy Commissioner of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission.

Over the past three years and with the guidance of previous chair Sylvia Strickland-Primm, the commission has become a leader and model for other Human Rights Commissions in the state.

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\$1.50 on the Hampton Roads Crossing, Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel, Monitor Merrimac Memorial Bridge-Tunnel and the Southeastern Parkway; a toll of \$1 on Route 460 and an average of 12 cents per gallon increase in the regional gas tax.

Dwight Farmer, deputy executive director of transportation of the HRPDC, told City Council at a work session Tuesday that the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) brought the seven unfunded projects to the forefront and another \$6 billion in needs have a low probability of being funded.

Farmer emphasized that endorsing the projects would not mean that the city was endorsing the gas tax or any other tax, that some form of reasonable funding is required in submitting the projects. Also emphasized was the fact that Virginia Beach in any event does not have the authority to raise the gas tax or to impose tolls. Only the state has that authority.

Farmer said that the Hampton Roads area is not in as bad a condition as northern Virginia pertaining to transportation, but that if these projects are not put in place, the area will be in 20 years.

He said that the planning district was not asking any locality to impose tolls or taxes because it is not the responsibility or obligation of

the localities. He said all of the projects are high priority.

Farmer also said that by standing behind a \$3.2 billion commitment for the projects, a strong message will be sent to the state that the localities will bear responsibility.

When the \$7.4 billion estimate was made, the planning agency assumed certain expenses would be shared by the federal government.

Councilman Linwood Branch III said he was still confused as to where the state stands. He said that Northern Virginia recently requested the use of the state surplus for roads. If northern Virginia takes the lead, he said, and can get the surplus, there will be none left for Hampton Roads.

Farmer said that Hampton Roads would put itself in jeopardy if it did not force the projects.

City Manager James K. Spore said that counting on the surpluses for a year or two is different from a 20-year funding plan.

Farmer said that if the region does not act now, there will be a crisis.

The resolution which council will consider next week was drafted by Jones and the legal staff. He said the resolution endorses the plan but acknowledges that the state has the ultimate responsibility for funding the projects by using the surplus or any other way.

Councilwoman Margaret Eure

who is on the transportation commission said that the region's legislators should pull together to get millions and millions of dollars for Hampton Roads. She said the responsibility for raising the money should be placed where it belongs, on the state and federal governments.

Providing \$400 million for public transit, Jones said, does not hold the city to light rail. The project mentions light rail but does not restrict the use of the funds to light rail. He said that the leverage rate for the \$400 million is four to one. He said that endorsing the resolution does not lock the city into light rail.

Farmer said that all the projects have equal priority and that none of the projects will be built in a locality without the express permission of the locality.

Farmer said that a year ago last November 138 of the 155 approved state projects in Hampton Roads were delayed an average of 48 months. In the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) six year plan in May, 55 more projects were delayed. He said delays will surface every year. He said that the capital improvement program for Virginia Beach reflects all the delays.

The resolution to be considered next Tuesday endorses the MPOs 2020 transportation plan and requests the General Assembly and

the governor to find appropriate sources of funding for the projects.

The resolution notes that an integral part of the 2020 plan requires that a reasonable funding mechanism must be forwarded by the MPO or all federal government support for transportation in Hampton Roads will cease and that air quality conformity requires that the projects be constructed.

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf asked about the toll funds that had been left over when tolls were taken off of Route 44. The money was to be used for improvements on Route 44.

Robert Matthias, assistant to the city manager, said that \$23 million is in the fund and \$11.5 million was set aside for resurfacing and another \$10 or \$11 million was set aside for lighting the expressway and for intelligent highway signs. He said that the city will be losing interest on the money. He said that if VDOT were asked for the money to resurface I-264 (Route 44), they would not have the money.

Vice Mayor William D. Sessoms Jr. said that he did not like losing the interest income. He said that if the city asked for the money and the money is not there, "I don't understand it."

Matthias said the response would be that the road does not need to be resurfaced so the money is not needed.

Beach council endorses MPO's 2020 regional transportation plan

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

When the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission Metropolitan Planning District (MPO) votes on the MPO's \$7.2 million 2020 transportation plan on Aug. 18, Virginia Beach will vote in favor of the plan.

That was assured by the endorsement Tuesday of a resolution by City Council supporting the plan by a vote of 8-2 with councilmembers Don Weeks and Reba McClanahan dissenting. Councilman Louis R. Jones, who is council's representative on the MPO and who was instrumental in drawing up the resolution, was absent.

Councilmembers in general had some problems with the plan, originally with the inclusion of light rail between Norfolk and Virginia Beach as one of the seven projects (later condensed to six) listed as the region's priorities before council had the results of the advisory referendum on light rail.

Councilmembers also were concerned about being obligated to endorse a gas tax increase or tolls to fund the projects.

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Also, instead of mentioning any funding source, the resolution leaves it up to the General Assembly and the governor to find appropriate sources of funding for the projects. Hampton Roads transit officials had pointed out that localities did

not have the authority to impose a gas tax or tolls, anyway, that only the state could do that.

The MPO, however, is required to submit some funding source with its plan to qualify for federal funding and the transportation package, which is referred to in the resolution, lists a recommended funding strategy.

Included are:
■ An average toll of \$1.50 on the Hampton Roads Crossing, Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel, Monitor-Merrimac

Memorial Bridge Tunnel and the South-eastern Parkway.

■ A toll of \$1 on Route 460.
■ An average 12 cents per gallon increase in the regional gas tax.

McClanahan said she would have to think more about the funding. She pointed out that all the projects would not be undertaken at once and that she wanted the state to look at highway funding and to look at the projects. She said that going back to tolls not a good idea although, she said, it may be necessary to have some tolls for the overall funding. She said she thought the region had a long way to go on these projects.

Mayor Meyers Oberndorf said that Jones had said he would not support a gas tax or tolls and would ask the state to find the funding. She pointed out that the Virginia Department of Transportation has been disassembled and money has not been coming in. As a result, there is now a shortfall.

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'Gotta Dance!'

Back by popular demand, for a second season the Arts Celebration and Theatre Summer (ACTS) Series at Regent University Theatre presents "All God's Children Gotta Dance: A Celebration in Movement."

Playing exclusively on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 13-14, at 7:30 p.m., "All God's Children Gotta Dance: A Celebration in Movement" will close the ACTS Series summer season. Directed by Marsha Staples, the incredible dance concert features various dance ministries and companies in the Hampton Roads community.

All performances will be in the Regent University Theatre. Tickets are \$7 for general admission and \$5 for senior citizens over 60 and students. Group rates are available. To make reservations call, 226-4245.

The Arts Celebration and Theatre Summer Series is a graduate student organization founded in 1996 that produces shows for the Regent University Theatre's summer season. The ACTS Series is dedicated to bringing affordable theatrical entertainment of the highest caliber to Hampton Roads audiences.

Book signing

Christopher Dunn, author of "The Giza Power Plant: Technologies of Ancient Egypt," will be signing copies of his book during the annual Egypt Conference Saturday, Aug. 21 at 4:30 p.m. at the Ramada Ocean Plaza Resort Hotel, 57th Street and Atlantic Avenue.

Dunn is among the impressive team of speakers for this conference. More is revealed each year of the mysteries of this ancient kingdom which continue to fascinate millions of people.

Visiting wrestler

Come to Bayside Recreation Center on Monday at 2 p.m. to learn all about professional wrestling. The exhibition will feature Mark Fleming, current Virginia State Heavyweight Champion and former Mid-Atlantic/WCW performer. A mystery partner, autograph session, photos, wrestling demonstrations and live wrestling are also scheduled. The championship belt will be on display. For more information call, 460-7540.

Water polo classes

Bayside Recreation Center will be hosting water polo classes from Oct. 11 through Nov. 10. Separate classes will be held for ages 10 to 15 and ages 15 and up. The course introduces students to the basic skills and rules of water polo. Participants must be able to tread water for 3 minutes and swim 25 meters using a basic crawl stroke.

Classes for ages 10 to 15 will be held Monday and Wednesday nights from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$32 for recreation center members and \$45 for non-members. Classes for ages 15 and up will be held Monday and Wednesday nights from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$38 for recreation center members and \$54 for non-members.

For more information call, 460-7540.

Festival of Crafts

Great Neck Recreation Center will be holding the Fall Festival of Crafts on Saturday, Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 14 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Craft buyers and sellers are welcome to attend the event, which will feature reasonably priced original art and handmade items. Concessions and children's activities will be available. The event is free. Those wishing to sell crafts pay \$70 per table, or \$35 per table if member of the recreation center.

For more information call, 496-6766.

Touch A Truck

Come to Princess Anne Recreation Center Saturday, Oct. 23 from 1 to 4 p.m. to check out the trucks. Trucks featured will include fire, rescue, dive team, water, city garage, pro trucks and trucks from the naval base. The event is free. Also featured will be face painting and clowns making balloon animals. The first 100 youth will receive a Matchbox truck. For more information call, 426-0022.

Upward Bound

The Veterans Upward Bound Office at Norfolk State University is accepting applications from veterans and active duty for free college prep course (math and English, also GED, typing and computer orientation classes) beginning in September. You may be eligible to enroll in these five to six week courses free of charge. Evening and Saturday classes are available. Take advantage of this opportunity by calling the Veterans Upward Bound Office at Norfolk State University, 823-8423 or 823-8054.

City reworks Labor Day traffic plan

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

The city is using parts of plans which worked in the past, added a few new features, listened to just about every interest to piece together a traffic plan for the Labor Day weekend to make the holiday both pleasurable and profitable.

But City Manager James K. Spore cautioned that the plan recommended will not make everyone happy.

There will not be a pass system in the resort area.

The pass system, which closed resort streets over the July 4th weekend except to hotel and motel guests, residents and people employed at the beach, forcing them to board buses, elicited the most complaints. Beachgoers, who had to leave their cars, and business people who claimed they lost business, complained.

However, to prevent parking and traffic problems from impacting adjacent residential neighborhoods, traffic control barricades indicating "local traffic only" will be placed on the residential side streets to minimize traffic incursion, Spore said.

Although traffic control barricades were used last year, this year the city will have a 24-hour enforcement of the permit restrictions.

Also, when traffic reaches gridlock, police will direct traffic from the resort area.

To improve the traffic flow on Pacific Avenue southbound left turns will not be permitted at 31st, 21st, 19th, 17th and 9th Streets.

Among features of the plan:

■ Satellite parking will be available Sept. 4-6. The prime site, the Pavilion, will provide 1,000 spaces, and two back-up sites, Seateak Elementary will provide 1,000 spaces and 19th Street on-street will provide 175. Another 1,000 spaces will be available at Birdneck Elementary School.

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ART EXPLOSION. Riverview Gallery in Portsmouth is experiencing quick growth. Opened less than 18 months ago, the gallery has opened Riverview Too in Virginia Beach and is "test marketing" a space in Williamsburg.

Gallery makes art of growth

Popular Riverview finds new digs at Beach, beyond

By Victoria Hecht

Editor

Call it the art of expansion. Riverview Gallery in Portsmouth, opened just shy of 18 months, isn't just growing — it's exploding.

Last month the Olde Towne business opened a second gallery, Riverview 2, in Virginia Beach's Dam Neck Shopping Center. Now it's growing again, this time in Williamsburg.

Starting this week, the gallery is test marketing a space at The Pottery, Wine and Cheese Shop in The Shops at King's Mill, according to proprietor

Wayne Potrafka.

A local potter, Potrafka and partners Earlene and Paul Lampman say the time is right for growth.

"It's a way for us to branch out and try another location," said Earlene. "It's an exciting time — and a busy time of year that's only going to get busier."

Opened at 1 High St. inside The Jewish Mother on March 7, 1998, the original Riverview Gallery quickly exceeded expectations.

Potrafka, who has operated other downtown galleries of his own, was impressed by how quickly it took off.

"By October we were expanding. We knew the minute that we opened that we needed more space," he said.

Now Riverview operated essentially one larger shop in two locations — one on each side of the Jewish Mother

entranceway.

"Business has been good. It's not far from the truth that we do more business here in a weekend than I did in any given month at my other locations," said Potrafka.

"It's location, location, location," he continued, noting the shop's site at the foot of High Street beside the ferry landing.

"I guess I was cocky enough in the past to believe that if I built it they would come (referring to his other businesses further downtown). The truth is that they're not necessarily going to come if a location makes them uncomfortable. We've had to deal with a lot of perception problems in Portsmouth."

But not with the current location at

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There's no place like home for Beatles buffs



JUST A VISIT. Pausing for a quick snapshot are Lynn and Michael McKee with Louise Harrison, a relative of Beatle George Harrison. The McKees operated the Beatles Museum at the oceanfront.

By Bob Rueggesser
Correspondent

Michael and Lynn McKee have finally found a place that McKee's Beatles Museum can call home.

As far as the McKees are concerned, there is no place like home — especially if it's in Virginia Beach. Prior to relocating in Virginia Beach, the museum was established in Stanardsville, Va., not too far from Ruckersville in Greene County and Nortonville in Albemarle County.

Michael McKee owned a printing company which he operated out of a rented building in Stanardsville.

When he rented the building, McKee assumed that before he actually moved in the landlord would fix everything. That didn't happen. The sheet rock on the walls showed signs of water damage among other things. It just wasn't very attractive so Michael McKee decided to do something about it.

"What I did was to stick up a couple of posters to hide the walls," recalled

McKee. "Beatles posters. I just took them out of Beatles records, and put them on the wall."

When McKee's friend, Gordon Poston, commented that his place of business looked more like a Beatles museum than a print shop, it encouraged McKee to put a few more things on the wall. Before long, people would walk into his shop and just stand there looking around.

McKee would ask, "Do you need flyers printed?"

His visitors frequently replied, "No, we just heard about this place and want to look around." Eventually, more and more people came to check out McKee's print shop.

"That's how the whole thing evolved — out of trying to hide dirty walls in a print shop," explained McKee.

McKee had a brainstorm — a stroke of genius. He would turn his shop into a full-fledged Beatles museum and provide

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Commentary

BE PREPARED: HURRICANE SEASON '99

The eye of the storm

Hampton Roads is not immune to nature's wrath.

It created Willoughby Spit 250 years ago. It formed the Hatteras and Oregon inlets 153 years ago.

It continues to pound our shores and wreak havoc on electric and telephone service, beachfronts and day-to-day routines.

Just last August, Hurricane Bonnie's wrath hammered Hampton Roads, causing more than \$26 million in damage to homes, businesses and public facilities. Although the storm caused extensive damage, when Bonnie passed through Virginia it was at tropical storm rather than hurricane strength.

Bonnie offered just a taste of the devastation that a stronger storm would generate — one like Hurricane Hazel in 1954 with winds of 130 miles per hour.

Hurricane season is now under way. Don't forget what happened just a year ago; approach it the right way.

The best action one can take to protect their families is to get ready now. Getting prepared involves four simple steps:

Step 1 — Find out if your home is in the storm surge flooding zone. That information is available from the local emergency management office. It will help you determine how to protect your home and valuables and give an idea of whether you will need to evacuate should a hurricane approach.

Step 2 — Determine where to go should you need to evacuate. Will you go inland to a hotel, the home of a friend or relative, or to a public shelter? If advised to evacuate, what route will you take? The local emergency planner can answer these questions.

Step 3 — Take action to protect your home. Cutting back dead trees and limbs and purchasing storm shutters or pre-cutting plywood for all windows are steps that can reduce damage to the home. Purchasing flood insurance is another important step to take well before a storm approaches. Homeowner insurance policies do not cover damage from flooding, so a separate flood insurance policy is essential if you live in an area that is prone to flooding.

Step 4 — Whether you ride out the storm or evacuate, stocking up on a three-day supply of non-perishable foods, water, flashlights and extra batteries, a first aid kit, battery-powered rather than electric radio, and other essential items is important.

Following these safety tips can protect lives and reduce damage during and after the storm:

When a hurricane is approaching

■ Stay tuned to the radio and television stations for updated storm information. A hurricane watch means possible danger. If the danger increases, a hurricane warning is issued.

■ Bring in garbage cans, lawn furniture and other items that could blow away.

■ Fill your car's gas tank and prepare to evacuate if told to do so.

■ If you are told to evacuate, do so immediately. Make plans for what to do with pets.

During the storm

■ If you are not advised to evacuate, remain indoors, away from windows. If necessary, seek refuge in an interior, windowless room. Use a mattress to protect yourself from falling debris.

■ If the calm storm center (eye) passes directly overhead, there will be a lull in the wind lasting from a few minutes to half an hour or more. The winds at the other side of the storm's eye rise very rapidly to hurricane force, coming from the opposite direction.

After the storm

■ Listen to the radio for official disaster relief information and instructions.

■ Be prepared to do without power, telephone and outside services for a week or more.

■ Watch out for downed power lines, weakened structures, rodents and snakes. Avoid puddles of standing water.

■ Don't drink tap water and eat only foods that you are sure are absolutely safe.

■ Be extra careful when handling power tools, gas lanterns generators and matches.

■ Avoid using candles as a light source.

Finally, keep important telephone numbers on hand. A good one to start with is the Red Cross: in Portsmouth/West Chesapeake, 393-1031; in Norfolk/Virginia Beach/other portions of Chesapeake, 446-7794; in Suffolk, 539-6645. Also have insurance claim telephone numbers on hand.

Being prepared can save your life. Don't wait until the storm is near or here. — V.E.H.

National health care ought to be a real alternative

As much as I love discussing serious policy issues, there is one that gives me a headache every time.



Perspectives

By Eileen Huey, columnist

That access to affordable health care is a more difficult problem than most. On the one hand, health care is a necessity — but, unlike any other necessity, it is unaffordable for most middle-class households.

The so-called managed care reform is only the latest dismal failure in our continuing struggle to deliver health care on an affordable basis. Rather than making health care more accessible, HMOs have actually decreased those covered by a full 10 percent since 1992.

When you consider that 40 percent of Americans are now without any access to health care whatsoever, the magnitude of our failed health care delivery system really hits home. And, if you subtract for those covered by Medicare, Medicaid and as government employees, the number of Americans protected by private health-insurance plans is truly abysmal.

The AMA, ADA and other medical providers continually warn of the dire loss of quality we would experience under a government-run health care system. Those warnings are not particularly scary to me, since my family was extremely well-served by the free care provided by the U.S. Navy Medical Corps for more than 20 years.

Those military doctors were just as concerned with the health and well-being of myself and my family as any physicians we have encountered in the private sector in the 20 years

since. In fact, the care was often better in the military system because cost was not a limiting factor in either treatment or medication.

But, I can appreciate how many Americans would rather be afforded the more personal care available in the private health care sector, even though they have to pay high premiums to receive it.

What I don't understand is why the rest of us can't choose otherwise. Millions of Americans would love to enroll in a national health care system that would provide full medical and dental coverage for themselves and their families.

Those who oppose a national system argue that it would be unfair to take tax dollars away from citizens who wish to remain covered by private medical care. I agree.

While we all should share the burden to insure the elderly, the disabled and the impoverished, only those who voluntarily participate in a national health system should bear those costs. That cost could be collected as a monthly premium through payroll deduction.

The savings in premiums for national health care would be considerable — perhaps as low as \$40 per individual and \$100 per family, as opposed to the \$150 and \$400 premiums charged by private health insurance plans. Just removing the exorbitant profit-margins that run rampant throughout the private health care industry would save billions of dollars alone.

Participation in a national health system would need to be voluntary for another reason. Like the military, participants would have to waive their right to sue the federal government. However, unlike the military, in a national health system the government could fire any unsatisfactory doctor. Not that such a waiver is any big deal given that most Americans are prohibited under current law from suing their HMO.

Any national health system would soon go bankrupt if it had to contract with the private sector for its medical facilities and services. So the government would have to own and operate its own hospitals and clinics, as well as employ its own medical personnel. And, given the continual shortage of doctors produced by the pri-

vate sector, it would likely have to contract with top medical universities to be certain an ample supply of physicians were available to staff the system.

Who would be interested in such a national health care system? Well, let's start with the 40 percent of Americans who have no health care coverage at all.

In addition, millions more would be attracted to the full coverage without the huge \$1,000 per year hospital co-pay and other outrageous costs that are part of all private insurance plans. Plus, national health care would mean you would be covered everywhere in the country, in both rural and urban areas.

To those who argue the government doesn't know how to run hospitals, I have just two words — "Walter Reed."

And, note that the veterans are screaming bloody murder that their hospitals are being closed down — they don't want to go to civilian hospitals anywhere in the country. As for the quality of government physicians — well, if military doctors are good enough to treat the president of the United States, I assume they are qualified to treat average Americans.

Lastly, there is the argument that a national health system would sacrifice the doctor-patient relationship. That may have been true years ago, but there is no doctor-patient relationship to lose for millions of uninsured Americans who get their health care by paying the exorbitant fees at walk-in urgent care clinics or emergency rooms. And, there isn't much left of a relationship even for insured Americans, given the continual doctor-switching imposed by the ever-changing HMO plans.

The whole point is that we should have the choice. Those who are willing to pay for the "Cadillac" care of the private health sector would still be free to do so. But, every American should have the right to provide himself and his family with health care. Why should our private health care industry be allowed to deny health care to nearly half our population merely to protect their profits?

And, for the record, such a national health system is not socialized medicine — being voluntary insures that it is anything but. Now...where is that aspirin?

Clinton makes a profession of being dysfunctional

I couldn't agree more with Hillary Rodham Clinton when she says in speaking of Bill Clinton's weakness, "You don't walk away if you love someone."



The Real World

By B.J. Seals, senior columnist

the women who accused Clinton of improper sexual behavior.

When she blamed Clinton's problems on a "vast rightwing conspiracy," she knew she was lying. Then she said that his political enemies caused them problems because they were from Arkansas.

She knew all about his 12-year affair with Gennifer Flowers and did nothing about it because she herself has a "weakness." She is an enabler — and power means more to her than self-respect. Hillary finally ran out of people to blame, so now she is blaming two dead people — Clinton's mother and his grandmother. They are responsible for his "weakness."

When Bill was a little boy living in Hope, Arkansas in the house with those two ladies at the age of 4, something snapped. He decided right then that he was going to become the best pathological liar in the world and a first-class sexual deviate.

Now we'll know from past history that supposedly any child brought up under the conditions that Clinton was is sure to become dysfunctional. I don't believe that one bit. There are millions of youngsters who sadly live under circumstances far worse than Bill Clinton and they don't try to molest young girls and tell lies like Bill Clinton.

Hillary and Bill are going to have to come up with something better than that. I remember as a young boy of 4 living in the small town of No-Hope, Ga., with my mother and grandmother. I remember how they would fuss every Friday night to see who would get the last piece of cornbread to eat with the fish.

But when I met with a psychiatrist 30 years ago, he said I was rigid and compassionate and mentioned nothing about being dysfunctional.

I'm sure that at one time we are all dysfunctional, but Bill Clinton has made a profession of it. He stays dysfunctional.

I believe people are sick of the Clintons and want to move on to better things. Al Gore says that Clinton will go down in history as "a great president."

I think he will go down in history as a disgrace. Gore has got a few little problems himself. He believes he invented the Internet. That should tell you something.

Welcome to the real world.

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When the weather turns hot and hazy and there's barely a breeze to stir the crepe myrtles, I know it's August.

When the air is so stifling that going outside is akin to sticking your head in an oven, I know it's August.



Off The Cuff

By Victoria Hecht, editor

Caribbean, I know it's August.

Ever since I was a child, I've always associated the dog days with potential disaster in the form of a hurricane.

Beginning in August and running through October, you never know when some tropical storm brewing in the Atlantic will turn into a hurricane and come scurrying our way.

This year, by golly, we are prepared. Forget Y2K. The Hecht household is ready for a Category IV storm with enough provisions to ride out a monsoon of a natural disaster.

That's because last summer, when Hurricane Bonnie (downgraded to a tropical storm), plowed across Hampton Roads my husband went out and bought an arsenal of supplies.

Heck, when the first threat hits this year, I could set up shop in the front yard and make a fortune selling batteries, tape, canned food and jugs of water.

Last August, when the summer swelter was especially miserable on my swelling body (I was pregnant at the time), Evan set off on a shopping spree at the first hint that Bonnie might actually hit.

Then the storm, a coy trickster, played hide and seek with us. Would she come? Wouldn't she come? Actually, it was more like a game of cat and mouse.

Well, she did come. Sort of. I came home one afternoon before Bonnie hit to find Evan going through a large mound of supplies in the kitchen.

There were cans of veggies, practically a case of canned tuna, rolls and rolls of tape for the windows, an entire battery section of a warehouse store (or so it seemed), an emergency kit, rope, 15 gallon jugs of water and still more.

"We're not going to need all this," I asserted. "It's not going to hit." I lived to eat those words.

Bonnie didn't hit as badly as most thought, but she sure did make a mess of things. Power was out everywhere — something like 800,000 people, if I remember correctly, were affected. Our neighborhood wasn't missed. Trees were down everywhere, plus our electricity and telephone were kaput.

Because our neighborhood is considered a small grid by Virginia Power standards, it took about five days for our electricity to come back. Double that for telephone. Two weeks after the storm, we finally got phone service again.

My cell phone bill, needless to say, was phenomenal.

With the storm being in August, of course, I can only describe the house as horribly hot with no air condition-

ing. Sweating seemed like too much work. We lost all the food in the fridge and freezer.

Finally, Evan broke down and bought a generator, sinking \$300 bucks into the thing. Then he sunk about \$200 or so into a window unit air conditioner to cool our bedroom.

Let me tell you, I had that baby cranking. It was so cold in there you'd have thought it was Iceland.

On day five without electricity Evan and I decided to go out for a real meal at a downtown restaurant. We enjoyed a wonderful brunch buffet and got interviewed by Channel 3 at the same time about still being without electricity. Most friends and family saw us on the news, even if Evan's new name was "Ethan," according to the station.

I learned my lesson last year. I no longer scoff at the weather and predict that a hurricane will blow around us. At the least, high winds from a nor'easter will pound us and make us lose electricity for a while.

So we're prepared. We've got a shed stocked with food, water, batteries, tape, you name it. And don't forget the generator.

Just in case you get short on supplies, I may have enough for a hurricane sale in my front yard. Great prices, I promise. But do yourself a favor, make your home hurricane-ready, too.



Fax your letter today.

548-0390

Economic development and the city's vision

Virginia Beach is guided by a commitment to its vision as a "Community for a Lifetime," a vision that encompasses residents and the business community alike. Realizing that vision frequently brings together two partners — economic development and tourism — to foster unique public/private partnerships that help the city grow.



The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyera Oberdorf

(TPC) golf course in Virginia Beach. The \$11 million Virginia Beach Sportsplex, a joint venture between Virginia Beach and Hampton Roads Sports, parent company of the Mariners professional soccer team, opened in 1998.

Two years ago the city debuted the GTE/Virginia Beach Amphitheater, a \$17.5 million public/private venture, with a capacity of 20,000 on 96 acres.

The city's vision is paying off.

In 1998, both economic development and tourism had a record-setting year. In tourism, Virginia Beach attracted more than 2.7 million overnight visitors, the best year ever for the city. In the economic development sector, capital investment in 1998 rose to nearly \$170 million for expansion and new construction.

That's over twice as much capital investment as Virginia Beach saw during the previous two years combined. The numbers indicate that Virginia Beach is a city where the exceptional quality of life translates into a healthy bottom line.

As a major criteria in business location decisions, quality of life is gaining in importance. This trend is best seen in the high tech and information technology and telecommunications industries. In these industries, technology lessens the importance of traditional location concerns. Instead, the growing concern is will the location offer a qualified work force and will company employees be happy living there?

In Virginia Beach the answer is a resounding "yes!" The city's roster of 100 high-tech information technology and telecommunications companies is growing. Metro Information Services, with its headquarters in Virginia Beach, has grown to be ranked 33rd on *Forbes* magazine's 1998 list of 200 Best Small Companies in America* and continues to expand with branch offices across the country.

Mariah Vision 3, a transplant from New England, is carving a niche for itself in the entertainment industry with its proprietary software and interactive technology. And Coastal Training Technologies, a world-wide leader in multimedia workplace training.

Schools awarded \$850,000 School-to-Work grant

Dr. Patrick Konopnicki, director of technical and career education, is pleased to announce his office is the recipient of a school-to-work grant totaling more than \$850,000.

The grant will fund the creation and implementation of a citywide comprehensive student career development system.

Monies are being provided under the auspices of the Office of the Virginia Business-Education Partnership which was created through the leadership of Governor James

In 1998, both economic development and tourism had a record-setting year. In tourism, Virginia Beach attracted more than 2.7 million overnight visitors: the best year ever for the city.

ing products, is expanding its headquarters in Virginia Beach to include a production studio, sound stage and more.

The "fast track construction program" has also played an important role in corporate decisions to locate in Virginia Beach. Geico's new \$21 million Regional Service Center and AVIS's Support Center in Virginia Beach are primary examples. The fast-track program streamlines permitting and construction so that custom buildings can be built, occupied and operational in as little as six months.

The city also prides itself on assisting its existing firms to expand. This year Stihl, Inc., is celebrating its 25th anniversary in Virginia Beach.

Since 1974, when the German-owned company first opened for business in Virginia Beach in a leased facility, Stihl has worked consistently with the city to expand its operations to 460,000 square feet of office, manufacturing and assembly space, including a brand new 50,000-square-foot warehouse, on some 60 acres in the city's Oceana West Corporate Park.

This kind of growth equates to more jobs for the city's residents and an expanded business tax base. Economic development efforts in Virginia Beach in 1998 resulted in more than 6,500 new and retained jobs.

Because of these strides in economic development, Virginia Beach is attracting national attention. In January, *Expansion Management* magazine named Virginia Beach and the surrounding Hampton Roads area one of America's Top 50 Hottest Cities for business relocation and expansion.

And in April and May of this year, *Site Selection* and *Plants Sites and Parks* magazines named the Geico Regional Service Center in Virginia Beach among the Top 10 economic development projects of 1998.

We have a fabulous quality of life, which is often the final and most important factor influencing decision-makers to choose this region over all others. People want to live here because of our excellent schools, affordable housing, cultural amenities, sporting/recreational facilities and outstanding natural resources.

What more could a business ask for?

Robert Ruhl, business development manager for the Department of Economic Development, contributed to this column.

Schools awarded \$850,000 School-to-Work grant

Gilmore. Under the partnership umbrella of Creating Futures, the career development system will target middle and high school students during its first year of implementation (school year 1999-2000). Ultimately, the program will expand to include all elementary grades, K-5.

The program's purpose is to inform and train students in the processes of personal, social, academic and occupational development as well as career planning.

Up close and personal

Katherine Jackson: Walking Virginia Beach

By Victoria Hecht
Editor

Katherine Jackson hasn't walked every inch of Virginia Beach, but she deserves an honorable mention for giving it a try.

Author of the newly-published "Walking Virginia Beach," a travel guide to unique treks around the resort city, Jackson discovered some new places even she didn't know about from her 23 years living here. Plus, she enjoyed familiar hikes from a fresh perspective.

Former media services coordinator for the city's Public Information Office for seven years, these days Jackson is seeking new pursuits as a freelance writer. She's also a graduate student enrolled in Old Dominion University's English program.

Jackson's "Walking Virginia Beach" is one in a series of 50 books highlighting top cities in the United States.

"A woman who was a public information officer for Rock Hill, S.C. knew the series editors and pitched them on Virginia Beach. When she was unable to do the book they looked for somebody else to do it. I knew her and that's how I happened on it," said Jackson.

The author was impressed that her adopted hometown was categorized in the same league as San Francisco, for example, another city featured in the series.

Jackson previewed a similar book before undertaking her own project, then set about making "Walking Virginia Beach" happen.

"I didn't have a clue how much time it would really take to get going. First you have to figure out which walks you really want to do. Then you have to consider the different aspects of the city and provide a variety — history, natural resources, favorite sites. Then I had to go out and find routes," she said.

Jackson was fortunate that some routes are already established, such as Bald Cypress Trail at First Landing State Park.

"But, for example, there's the Boardwalk. I split that up into different walks. There's Mt. Trashmore, but not really a stand-and-finish trail here. It was time-consuming to walk the walks and draw them. Actually, a lot of what I did was bike the walks with an odometer on my bike. I wanted to have a variety of lengths, too. I think six miles is about the longest in the book."

Jackson has categorized the walks under several headings: oceanfront, First Landing/Seashore State Park, Old Princess Anne County, parks, neighborhoods, Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge and neighboring cities.

She made a few interesting discoveries along the way.

"There's a walk over in the Carolanne Farms neighborhood that's called the Elizabeth River Walk in this book. It's a lot of fun — just a one-mile walk that meanders through the woods and goes down to the river. It's beautiful. I did some research on the history of that area, and there's also a canoe trail back there."

Jackson, a graduate of Cox High School who has called this city home for more than two decades, felt well qualified to undertake the project. And she's ready for another.

"There's so much out there. I've already started a file if they decide to update the book. There are things like the new Virginia Legends Walk at the oceanfront, the new Francis Land House trail, the new BaySide History Trail. They just weren't far enough along to include them," said Jackson.

A resident of Croatan, promoting "Walking Virginia Beach" has been a new experience for Jackson. After years of promoting the Beach in Public Information, plus a year spent as a PR executive with a local firm, Jackson said the tables are turned.

Now she's in the "promotions game" herself. On Sept. 18 she'll be at Barnes and Noble in Virginia Beach. Before that, she will be promoting the book during Paddle Fest Sept. 11 at Munden Point Park.

The freelance writer enjoys the challenge of something new.

"I think people are often conservative in searching for their dreams," she noted.

But not Jackson. In fact, she's looking at the bigger picture now. While she's not ready to tackle a new book, she would like to pitch similar articles to magazines.



"Something along the lines of 'A Walk Through Fill-in-the-Blank,'" she smiled.

But Jackson hasn't always kept her feet planted — or walking, that is — in Virginia Beach. Her travels has taken the intrepid trekker to Belize, Costa Rica, Kenya and Peru for up close looks at native culture.

Name: Katherine Jackson.

What brought you to this area: Came with my family from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. in 1976.

Hometown: Virginia Beach for 23 years.

Age: 40.

Nickname: KBJACKSON.

Occupation: Freelance writer and graduate student at Old Dominion University.

Children: Four godchildren: Lauren Fogari, Mason Harrelson, Alyssa Dunlap and Morganne Wilbourne.

Favorite movie: "When Harry Met Sally."

Magazines I read regularly: Right now *Surfer's Journal*, *Atlantic Monthly*, *Coastal Living* and *Women's Sports and Fitness*. But I change each time my subscription runs out.

Favorite authors: Toni Morrison, Cormac McCarthy and Janet Perry.

Favorite night out on the town: Biking to the oceanfront for dinner and a concert.

Favorite restaurant: Coyote Café.

Favorite meal and beverage: Anything vegetarian and especially pasta; executive margarita.

What most people don't know about me: I chew toothpicks when I write.

Best thing about myself: I try to see the best in people.

Worst habit: Arguing both sides.

Pets: Cabo, a golden retriever named after Cabo San Marcos, Mexico.

Hobbies: Travel, running, biking, snowboarding and walking on the beach.

Ideal vacation: Anywhere on the coast.

Pet peeves: Drivers who honk the minute the light turns green.

First job: Delivery driver for a pathology practice.

Least liked job: Serving beer to poor college students (bad tips).

Favorite sports team: Don't watch sports on TV.

Favorite musicians: Bonnie Raitt, The Bodeans, Collective Soul and The Iguanas.

Most embarrassing moment: When my boss found my letter accepting a new job on the copier — before I had told him, of course.

How I would like to be remembered: Beloved daughter, sister, friend.

If I received \$1 million: I would quit worrying about my next freelance job.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I'd encourage people to see the world through other people's eyes and be more tolerant of people's differences, be they cultural, political, religious, etc.

Beach hosts Chamber's Sailor, Small Business awards luncheons

The Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce is presenting a number of regional events in August.

■ On Wednesday, Aug. 18, Chesapeake Business Bash will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. at Chesapeake City Park.

The new event features exhibitor tent, networking, picnic food, adult beverages and entertainment by Island Boy in a casual, fun setting. The cost for HRCC members is \$20 per person, \$85 for a block of five. Gates sales and cost for non-members are \$30 per person, \$125 for a block of five.

For event information call Karen Motil, 664-2574. For booth information call Deanna Runney, 460-6433. The event is sponsored by Hyperion Communications.

■ The Virginia Beach Outstanding Sailor Awards Luncheon will be held Tuesday, Aug. 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at CPO Club, NAB-Little Creek, Virginia Beach.

During this luncheon/award ceremony the business community will extend special recognition to outstanding sailors from the Virginia Beach commands (Little Creek, Dam Neck and Oceana). Special guest speaker is Robert J. Walker, MCPON (Ret.). The cost is \$20 per person. Table sponsorship of \$150 provides for five military and three business people.

Reservations are required on or before Friday, Aug. 20. For event information call Jan Burton, 664-2575; for reservations call, 664-

2558. The event is sponsored by USA Discounters.

■ The Small Business of the Year luncheon will be held Thursday, Aug. 26 at noon in the Holiday Inn Executive Center, Virginia Beach.

The event recognizes top small businesses from each of the five South Hampton Roads cities and announcements of the overall winner of Small Business of the Year.

Also announced will be the "Rising 25" a group comprised of five of the most promising small businesses from each city. The guest speaker will be David Dickson, agency director for the Virginia Department of Business Assistance, under the auspices of the Secretary of Commerce and Trade.

The cost for HRCC members is \$20 per person, \$180 for a table of 10; cost for non-members is \$25 per person, \$225 for a table of 10. Reservations are required. Call 664-2558. For more information call Pat Knowles, 664-2593.

■ Business After Hours will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Medical Office Building at Obici Hospital, 1890 North Main Street in Suffolk on Thursday, Aug. 26.

The chamber's popular after hours networking event draws about 100 business-minded executives who like to relax as they work. The cost is \$7/HRCC member and \$15/non-member. Reservations are not required. For more information call Stephanie Merry,

664-2573.

■ A golf outing will be held Thursday, Aug. 31 beginning at 8 a.m. Riverpoint Golf Club in Suffolk is the site of the shotgun start.

Enjoy 4-man Florida Best Ball golf at Suffolk's new course in the Harborview development, off I-664. Several prizes will be awarded.

The cost is \$75/player, \$300/foursome; hole sponsorship, \$150; team and hole sponsorship, \$425. To reserve for players, call 664-2558. For event information and hole sponsorship call Karen Motil, 664-2574 or Suzanne Wood, 664-2611. The event is sponsored by Planters.

■ A seminar on the Effective Use of Language will be held from

6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Chesapeake Conference Center on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1.

The seminar is conducted by speaker Frank Patterson of The Patterson Group. This two-part course demonstrates how to communicate clear and clear, without seeming curt or blunt.

For tickets or group discounts call Tim Kirk, 664-2563. For other information call Pat Knowles, 664-2593.

■ The Hampton Roads Lead Exchange continues through August. Participation is limited and by application only. The cost is \$25 for six months. For more information on how the program works or to attend as a guest, call Kristen Dorfman, 664-2504.

Handicapped say newsracks impede access to street buttons

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

Newsracks on the city right-of-way on Atlantic and Pacific avenues in the resort strip impede access to the pedestrian street buttons by handicapped persons, especially the blind, according to the Mayor's Committee on Persons with Disabilities.

As a result City Council on Aug. 24 will consider an ordinance which will control the placement of the newsracks so that the rights of the handicapped will not be sacrificed to the rights of free press. The proposed ordinance does not refer to the resort locations specifically and would be applied city-wide.

Marian Saunders, chairman of the Mayor's Committee, told City Council at a work session Tuesday that because racks are sometimes so close to the street buttons which signal the traffic to stop so that pedestrians can cross safely, a blind person dependent on his/her cane to feel for the button, his a newsrack instead and thinks he or she is at the wrong pole.

The newsracks placed close to the pole also get in the way of other handicapped persons who may be in a wheelchair so that they have to reach over the newsracks to hit the button.

Pamela Smith-Rodden, circulation director of *The Virginian-Pilot*, which has racks at some of the troublesome locations, asked that the council, instead of passing an ordinance, consider voluntary compliance. She said the *Pilot* shared the city's concern and wanted to play a role in making sure newsracks don't infringe on the rights of the disabled.

Although publications other than the *Pilot* have newsracks on the right-of-way, Smith-Rodden said that *The Virginian-Pilot* has relationships with the various publications and distributors in Virginia Beach.

The newspaper offered to be the city's point-of-contact with all of these publications and their distributor to help keep the newsracks in compliance with the needs of the disabled living in and visiting the Beach.

Smith-Rodden proposed a partnership. She said that once the *Pilot* received a draft of the code, her staff inspected the areas, identified non-compliant racks and contacted the other publications and distributors, securing their agreement to comply and then moved to bring the *Pilot* into compliance.

She said that if voluntary compliance doesn't do the job in six months, the city could go the ordinance route.

Councilwoman Nancy Parker asked what difference an ordinance would make if the *Pilot* was in compliance.

Smith-Rodden said that what

mattered was the mantle of freedom of the press. She said that the *Pilot* had five boxes it had to bring into compliance. "We are trying to do our part," she said.

She said that the *Pilot* has a lot of influence with the other publications and distributors.

Saunders said that an ordinance was needed because of the difficulty in insuring voluntary compliance.

Vanessa T. Valdejuell, assistant city attorney, who researched the American With Disabilities Act, the Virginia Disabilities Act and Constitutional law relating to freedom of the press, said there are no criminal penalties in the proposed ordinance and no penalties.

The ordinance does say, however, that if the offending rack is not moved within seven days, the city, in 30 days, could remove it and dispose of it in a legal manner with proceeds going to the general fund.

The ordinance is concerned with the distance racks should be from any pole with a pedestrian button. The problem is in balancing the rights of the handicapped with the rights of free press. City Attorney Leslie Lilley said that the city cannot have the boxes removed entirely, but can regulate the time, place and manner in which the racks are placed.

The ordinance would apply to any place in the city.

Valdejuell said the proposed ordinance is not a total ban.

Previous problems with the racks related to aesthetics, Lilley said.

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf said that as important as freedom of speech is, freedom of movement is just as important. She said the city was trying to find a happy ground. She asked, "If we don't adopt an ordinance, are we betraying our responsibility to the handicapped community?"

Councilman Harold Heischberger said that he objected to considering an ordinance and would try the voluntary route first. He said he thought the rights of the individuals seeking help superceded the rights of the free press. He said that if the problem continued without voluntary compliance, the second

step, the ordinance, could be considered.

Councilwoman Margaret Eare said she was in favor of the ordinance. She said that voluntary compliance is not working and that the council's responsibility was to uphold the Americans with Disabilities Act. She said the proposed ordinance has no adverse penalties.

"If I were a disabled person," she

said, I would not call the *Pilot* (when problems with access to the buttons arose). I would call the city.

Smith-Rodden, in a reconnaissance of the Oceanfront, from Atlantic Avenue from 74th Street to Rudee Inlet and all of Pacific Avenue, found there are freebie or vending boxes within five feet (in one case six feet) of a crosswalk button at seven locations.

Beach firefighter goes into ring again

Blackhawk Walters, a 22-year veteran of the Virginia Beach Fire Department, is making a comeback after being retired for 10 years. He will fight for the World Middleweight Tag Team Kickboxing Championship Aug. 20 at the Virginia Beach Pavilion.

Walters, who is stationed at Blackwater Co. 13, has been training his cousin, Clark "Whirling Thunder" Walters for 23 years. Blackhawk, a resident of Chesapeake, operates a martial arts school in Great Bridge.

Clark is currently ranked number six in the world. Blackhawk was negotiating for a title shot for Clark when a unique opportunity was offered by the WKKO World Karate Kickboxing Organization, they were in the process of promoting a first time ever world tag team championship.

Since Blackhawk was a former number one world contender and a past U.S. champion, he and Clark were eligible to compete for the World Tag Team title.

Clark's fighter record is 19 wins, one loss and one draw. He is the current Mid-Atlantic Champion and a Third Degree Black Belt. Blackhawk has 37 wins, seven losses and is the former Lightweight Tidewater Champion, Virginia State Lightweight Champion, Virginia State Waterweight Champion ranked number one in the world, Virginia Super Waterweight Champion ranked number one in the world, United States Middleweight Champion ranked number six in the world, ranked number 10 in the world as a Super Middleweight.

He lost a one point decision for the World Super Middleweight Championship in 1987.

He is a Seventh Degree Black Belt who has his own television show "Blackhawk Warriors" in syndication in 11 million homes for two years.

When asked how he expected to be able to compete after so long of a retirement in such a competitive sport, Blackhawk laughed, "I have a unique advantage. I'm Clark's karate instructor and he has to listen to me. So I



Blackhawk Walters

might just tell him you're looking good — do another round!"

This is a charity event and all proceeds will go to the Blackhawk Foundation, a non-profit organization established to provide a way for underprivileged children to learn the martial arts.

The martial arts help a child learn respect for themselves and others, goal-setting, discipline, leadership and confidence. Many families in the Hampton Roads area are unable to afford martial arts training for their children and the funds attained through this championship kickboxing event will provide a way for them to do so.

This year the Blackhawk Foundation has successfully bused in about 30 children from Portsmouth to the Blackhawk Martial Arts Center and trained them in the martial arts. With these additional funds, this program will be expanded to include even more children.

FIGHT DETAILS

What: World Tag-Team Kickboxing Championship.
When: Aug. 20 at 7:30 p.m.
Where: Virginia Beach Pavilion.
Cost: General admission \$20. For more information call 437-4774.

Zoning for Princess Anne Road approved

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

City Council by a vote of 7-3 has approved a variance and rezoning which will permit the development of 128 lots on a 101.5-acre tract on Princess Anne Road near Seaboard Road.

Beco Building Associates needed the various because four lots did not meet lot width requirements.

The zoning was changed from AG-1 and AG-2 agricultural districts and R-20 residential district to conditional R-10 residential dis-

trict which requires lots of no less than 10,000 square feet.

Voiting against the application were Councilwomen Barbara Henley and Nancy Parker and Mayor Meyera Oberndorf.

Over half of the tract (56.3 acres) is not considered developable because of wetlands and floodplain so most of the development would be concentrated in the northeast quadrant of the site.

Henley said that current residents of Seaboard Road do not want to tie into the road serving the new subdivision.

City Engineer John Herzke said that the city has always regarded the street as a connected street. He said that the connection was only logical whether the project goes through or not.

Councilwoman Reba McClanahan wanted to know when the decision was made that the street would have access on Ferrell Parkway.

Edward Bourdon, attorney representing the applicant, said that the property has been waiting for 20 years for development.

Henley said that R-10 was too intense for development there.

Vice Mayor William D. Sessions Jr. moved for approval saying it was a very good project.

Seaboard/Princess Anne Road variance denied

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

An applicant who wanted a variance from the flood plain ordinance and rezoning from agriculture to business at a site at the southwest corner of Princess Anne Road and Seaboard Road.

Argos Properties, the applicant, had asked for a deferral of the application to make it more acceptable to the city's requirements but lost the request by a tie vote. The vote for denial passed by a 7-3 vote.

Tasos Gallatos, attorney for Argos, asked for the deferral to explore options. He said the applicant was considering purchasing an additional 50 acres for mitigations purposes.

The majority of the 8.84 acre site is in the 100-year flood plain conflicting with floodplain regulations.

Princess Anne District councilwoman Barbara Henley said that she would not want to encourage the applicant with a deferral and have him spend a lot of money, when the probabilities are that the application would eventually be denied.

Gallatos said that the applicant was considering consolidating a 50-acre parcel with the floodplain site to provide a place for mitigation.

Bernard Byrne, of neighboring

3728 Eplanade Court, said that the residents would be willing to look at a fresh proposal.

Planning Director Robert Scott said that if new property is involved the applicant would have to go back to the Planning Commission.

Henley went with denial, saying that there were problems with the environment and with staff, which, "I am not sure you're going to be able to overcome. She said a deferral will just prolong a situation that will not be correctable."

Councilwoman Margaret Eare said that the applicant is well aware he has a lot of problems, but that she did not see the harm in granting a deferral.

A motion for deferral by councilman Don Weeks failed by a tie vote (councilman Louis R. Jones was absent) with Henley, councilmembers W.W. Harrison Jr. and Reba McClanahan and Mayor Meyera Oberndorf and vice mayor William D. Sessions Jr. voting in opposition. The motion for denial was passed with councilmembers Linwood Branch III, Eare and Harold Heischberger dissenting. Councilwoman Nancy Parker, who had voted in favor of deferral, voted in favor of denial.

The planning staff and the planning commission had recommended denial.

Big brother is watching environmental criminal

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

A video shown by the Virginia Beach Environmental Crimes Task Force at this week's City Council work session brought a few smiles to the faces of the conference room spectators. But that doesn't mean the task force members are going to laugh off any violations.

Vanessa Valdejuell, assistant city attorney, informed council that the mission of the task force, formed in 1995, is to find the parties responsible for the discharge of or releases of hazardous materials which ultimately costs the taxpayers.

payers.

The video is only part of an informational campaign to inform citizens what to look for in the way of environmental violations. The task force also distributes brochures and flyers and has developed a manual to provide training for all departments, Valdejuell said.

She said that the city spends hundreds of thousands of dollars to clean up the damage irresponsible citizens cause. The task force wants citizens to report potential crimes as they see them to the environmental crimes hotline, 427-1901.

Council appointees receive salary increases

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

The city's four City Council appointees have been granted salary increases effective on various dates ranging from four and a half to nine percent over their current salaries.

City Manager James K. Spore was granted a four and a half percent increase boosting his annual salary from \$136,939 to \$154,102 effective on Dec. 1.

City Attorney Leslie Lilley was

granted a nine percent increase raising his salary from \$114,662 to \$125,000 effective on Nov. 1.

City Clerk Ruth H. Smith was granted a 4.5 percent increase, increasing her salary from \$62,245 to \$65,046 effective Nov. 16.

Real Estate Assessor Gerald Bagan was granted a 6.17 percent increase from \$75,349 to \$80,000 effective March 1, 2000.

City Council approved the increases Tuesday.

Block appointed new director of Public Works

E. Dean Block has been appointed director of Virginia Beach Public Works effective Aug. 2. He will be transitioning from his current responsibilities as director of Management Services over the next few weeks and will assume his new duties

full-time Sept. 7. "Dean Block is a seasoned leader with 30 years of municipal experience in both staff and line capacities," said City Manager James K. Spore. "He brings to his new role a high degree of credibility within the community and with City Council which he has developed over his 15-year tenure with the city of Virginia Beach."

Block earned an undergraduate degree from California State University at Long Beach and a master's degree from George Washington University in D.C. He is also a graduate of the University of Virginia's Senior Executive Institute program. Prior to joining the city of Virginia Beach, he worked as deputy city manager for Tallahassee, Fla.

ANY REASON

EXAMPLE	Balance	Payment
Pay Off Taxes	2,600	150
Pay Off VISA	3,800	85
Pay Off Car	1,100	35
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	\$48,000	\$911

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Beatles buffs find home

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an attraction to benefit the town as well. "We were in this rural community whose one claim to fame was that they were home to a former world champion hog caller," McKee commented.

"I thought that this [museum] could change the image or give more reason for people to come to this community; it was called Standville."

McKee felt that opening up the museum might entice people to come into the town, stay in the hotel, eat at the restaurants, and stop at the gas station. He charged no admission and had no gift shop.

"Anytime someone came in, we lost money in the print shop," McKee contended.

"Unfortunately, the town founders, I guess, wrote letters to the paper saying that they would prefer that the Beatles were not a part of their community," he said.

According to McKee, it eventually got to the point where articles were being run in the paper that made it obvious to McKee that the sooner he packed up and left town the better it would be for all concerned.

"I think the crowning point was when a show called 'The Daily Show' — which is all satirical comedy — came down and did a show," said McKee.

"Of course, they do everything out of context. The basically made fun of the mayor and the chamber of commerce."

While the McKees felt that they were doing something for the community by providing a free attraction, the town just didn't seem interested.

"We spent \$58,000 of our own money promoting it. The printing business paid for it," said McKee. "They just were not interested and preferred that we were not there, according to the press."

"Being that my best friend there ran the paper, I took his accounts to be accurate," stated McKee.

After the story hit the AP wire, McKee started getting invitations and offers from other cities.

"We love the Beatles here, come and see our city," said one of the localities. After considering 36 viable offers from cities (New York and Chicago were not considered viable to the McKees), they decided to stay within the state.

"We just knew that we wouldn't be leaving the state," said McKee. They visited Richmond, Roanoke,



THE BEAT GOES ON. Beatles Museum owner Michael Kaene has found his niche at the Virginia Beach oceanfront.

Danville, and Manassas. Numerous cities sent information to the McKees explaining why their community would be an ideal spot for the museum. Harrisonburg asked, "Where else would you put a Beatles Museum except in Harrisonburg?"

"I guess they didn't have a place called Lennonville," smiled McKee facetiously.

Over the years, McKee's collection of Beatles memorabilia has steadily increased. Many of the articles McKee purchased outright while other items have been donated to the museum by fans. Still others have been contributed by Beatles and some of their friends and family members. John Lennon's wife, Yoko Ono, and George Harrison's sister, Louise are among those who have directly supported McKee's enterprise.

Why did the McKees choose Virginia Beach? "It was a tourist attraction, and this is the largest

tourist city in Virginia," McKee said. "My wife, Lynn, and I were married here in Virginia Beach, and I grew up on a beach in California (Santa Monica) so I've always lived near a beach," he added.

Now that McKee's Beatles Museum has found a comfortable home on 25th Street near the oceanfront, the museum is looking forward to hosting "A British Celebration" on Nov. 12-14.

"It's being billed as the last Beatles Convention of the millennium," said McKee. Among the special guests that will be part of the celebration are: Louie Harrison, sister of George Harrison; Steve Holley, drummer with Paul McCartney and Wings; Walter Shenson, producer of "A Hard Day's Night" and "Help!"; and Peter Best, the fifth Beatle.

For more information about "A British Celebration" call, 491-0491

LEGAL NOTICES

TRUSTEE SALE
719 10th Street
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Dana Paul Welthers and Judith A. Welthers dated September 24, 1993 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3278, page 928, securing a loan which was originally \$78,500.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on September 3, 1999 at 8:03 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 19 and 21 in Block 52, Shadowland Heights in the City of Virginia Beach, VA. Tax Map #2417-94-6038-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$7,300.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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NP995414

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TACT: Between 8 - 11 AM

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE

5553 Lynbrook Landing

Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Britt A. Reid and Angela G. Reid dated July 27, 1992 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3112, page 2144 and re-recorded in Deed Book 3123, page 910, securing a loan which was originally \$61,976.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on August 20, 1999 at 8:05 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 27, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Subdivision of Lynbrook Landing, Section 1." Tax Map #1468-52-5606-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$5,700.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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NP984640

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Virginia:

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, August 24, 1999 at 6:00 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION: DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE

1. An Ordinance upon Application of Norman Construction Co., Inc. for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-7.5 Residential District to Conditional I-1 Light Industrial District on certain property located on the north side of Baker Road beginning at a point 1300 feet or less east of Newtown Road (GPIN #1468-40-4222). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional I-1 is for light industrial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential densities at or below 3.5 dwelling units per acre that are compatible with single-family in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 2.696 acres.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT: DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE

2. An Ordinance upon Application of MRP Design Group for a Conditional Use Permit for an automobile service station on conjunction with a convenience store and an automobile repair shop (auto detailing) at the northeast corner of Holland Road and Lynnhaven Parkway. Said parcels located at 3282 Holland Road and contains 1.833 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL

3. An Ordinance upon Application of The City of Refuge Christian Church of Virginia for a Conditional Use Permit for a church (expansion) on the west side of S. Independence Boulevard, south of Dahlia Drive (GPIN #1485-29-1908). Said parcel is located at 1917 S. Independence Boulevard and contains 38,693 square feet. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AAB

City Clerk

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303; Hearing Impaired, call TDD only 427-4305 (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf).

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE

341 Opel Avenue

Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Donna L. Borgia dated March 26, 1998 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3863, page 1784, securing a loan which was originally \$83,027.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on August 20, 1999 at 8:04 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 18, Block 19 as shown on that certain plat entitled "Subdivision of ARAGONA VILLAGE, Section Thirteen." Tax Map #1477-06-4237.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$8,300.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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NP984245

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
1112 Valley Stream Court
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from John Van Orden, II and Shirene K. Van Orden dated May 30, 1986 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 2509, page 103, securing a loan which was originally \$93,900.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on August 27, 1999 at 8:04 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 14, Block A, as shown on the plat of Indian Lakes Subdivision, Section B-1. Tax Map #1465-79-2601-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$8,100.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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NP994927

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TACT: Between 8 - 11 AM

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE

707 Lord Byron Drive

Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Marshall W. Stokes, III and Dawn L. Stokes dated January 12, 1994 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3353, page 1039, securing a loan which was originally \$73,200.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on August 27, 1999 at 8:03 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 2, in Block 9, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Plat of Windsor Oaks West Subdivision, Section 5." Tax Map #1486-06-2360-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$6,900.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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NP995373

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Council supports MPO transit plan

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Councilman Linwood Branch III said he would support the regional effort, that the projects connect and are important to the region. He said that the projects may take a decade or decades, but that he was happy the region has decided to move on. He said, also, that the city cannot set taxation that would be required. By agreeing to the projects, he said, the council is saying that this is what it will take.

Councilwoman Barbara Henley said that it sounds as though the city is being criticized by delegating the funding responsibility to the General Assembly and referred to the wording in the resolution which says that as an integral part of the 2020 plan, a reasonable funding mechanism must be forwarded by the Metropolitan Planning Organization or all federal

government support for transportation in Hampton Roads will cease until such time as a plan is provided. She wanted to know what the MPO would be doing about a funding plan.

City Manager James K. Spore said that it was the intent of the MPO to come up with funding that is viable. Suggestions have been made starting with the gas tax and tolls.

Vice Mayor William D. Sessoms Jr. said that if the region does not come up with a suggestion the region will be ignored by the state.

Branch said that the reality is that the governor's staff is looking at all ways to construct the roads, but that the region has to provide options or "we will be left behind."

Spore said that the intent of the resolution is to clearly place the funding responsibility on the state.

In that event, Henley said, Virginia Beach may end up with the only toll road in the area.

A resolution was not required but was prepared to direct Jones on how to vote. Spore said that each of the 16 member cities may be endorsing different resolutions, but the package is the same.

Weeks said that he had a problem with the projects not being prioritized. He said that some of the projects are less expensive but would serve more people. He said that he thought the planning people would at least prioritize the projects.

In addition to the light rail/mass transit project, the projects include the Hampton Roads Peninsula, Interstate 64 on the Peninsula, Route 460, Midtown Tunnel/Planners Point/MLK Freeway extension, and the Southeastern Parkway and Greenbelt.

City reworks Labor Day traffic plan

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Shuttle bus service (20 buses) will be available from 19th Street, the Pavilion and Seacrest to 6th Street and an express shuttle to the core area (four trolleys) will be available from 19th Street satellite parking areas to 18th Street (the old 2nd Parking site).

The parking fee of \$5 includes free shuttle ride to 18th and 6th streets. Parking patrons with proof of parking will be able to ride shuttle trolleys and Atlantic Avenue trolleys free. For the disabled, handi-rider service will be made available at satellite sites for transportation to the oceanfront.

All municipal and private on-street and off-street parking facilities will be made available for parking at prevailing rates.

Residential neighborhood parking restrictions will be enforced 24 hours a day, Friday through Monday and barricades will be installed as they were last Labor Day. Towing will be enforced dur-

ing day and evening hours. Private sector resort area employees who work a day shift and who would normally park in residential parking areas will be notified of parking restrictions and business pass requirements.

The number of trolleys will be increased and lanes will be set up south of 25th Street around the loop by 4 p.m. Friday and left in place through Monday.

Virginia Beach Hotel and Motel Association has provided parking tags to be used by guests to facilitate access to Atlantic Avenue during heavy periods of traffic congestion.

Access to Atlantic Avenue will be open until it is determined by the police that congestion exists when Atlantic Avenue will be limited to previously designated gateway accesses — at 31st, 21st, 19th, 17th, and 9th Streets. Then barricades will be erected at all non-gateway streets between Atlantic and Pacific Avenues. Vehicles will be required to make right turns

onto Atlantic Avenue to reach their destination.

The Resort Leadership Council also recommended eliminating the July 4 gateway plan and to allow unrestricted access to the resort except for Atlantic Avenue. Other recommendations were to restrict Atlantic Avenue from 6 p.m. to 5 a.m. to hotel guests only and to set up barriers to allow entry to the parking lots between Atlantic and Pacific Avenues.

The council also recommended using schools as addition shuttle centers to use the 24-hour residential parking permit program but without barricades and more vigorous towing.

Also recommended were to aggressively clean by using pressure washers on Atlantic Avenue at 2:30 a.m. to signal the end to the evening; install a long-range public address system to provide music from midnight and to announce the street cleaning initiative and to review existing lighting along Atlantic Avenue.



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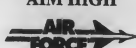
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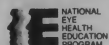
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Upper Wolfsnare is uncelebrated local treasure

By Bob Rueggeger
Correspondent

For the last 240 years, the Georgian manor house now called Upper Wolfsnare Plantation has resolutely endured the elements of nature in Princess Anne County and barely survived the onslaught of development in the city of Virginia Beach.

When the Commonwealth of Virginia purchased the Walke Farm on Wolf Snare Creek in 1964, the preservation and restoration of the old manor house weren't even considerations.

The property, 85 acres and the old brick house, was purchased by the state for \$235,000 in order to secure the right of way for the construction of the Norfolk-Virginia Beach Expressway.

The state heartlessly planned to demolish the venerable old home, formerly known as either the Walke Place or Brick House Farm, and use the surrounding land as fill for the expressway project.

Had it not been for members of the Princess Anne County Historical Society and James Sadler, the remains of this admirable 18th century relic, constructed during the "Golden Age of Virginia," might have been buried under an expressway interchange.

In the case of the Walke House, of course, there was a fortuitous chain of events that turned the tide and saved the house from demolition. The Princess Anne Historical Society began negotiating with the Virginia Department of Highways.

An agreement was finally reached to exchange the land on which the old house stood for an equivalent parcel of land at another site that would provide adequate fill.

Through the magnanimity of James Sadler and his wife, a satisfactory tract was eventually secured to supply adequate fill, and the exchange was made.

The state deeded the old home and some of the land that surrounded it to the Princess Anne County Historical Society on March 22, 1966.

As a direct consequence of this timely intervention by the historical society and the Sadlers, this stately brick home is more than just a pleasant memory. It is a reality — an authentic piece of Princess Anne County/Virginia Beach antiquity.

While not every old house merits preservation, some do.

Upper Wolfsnare Plantation happens to be one of those well worth saving.

Anne Henry, head of the grounds and docents committee and member of the board of governors for the Princess Anne/Virginia Beach Historical Society, believes Upper Wolfsnare is a very special place.

"This was the home of a prominent family of Princess Anne County. It's the only house of Georgian-style architecture that I know of—that has not had alterations to its exterior," notes Henry. "And practically no alterations to its interior."



BEATING BACK TIME. Upper Wolfsnare Plantation, an 18th century Virginia manor house, has survived 240 years of nature's elements, but fell victim to the Norfolk-Virginia Beach Expressway.

Most of the other historic houses in the local area have been modified over the years to accommodate the fashions of the times.

However, this two-story brick structure is essentially as it was when it was first occupied. The original raised-paneled wainscoting is featured in the central passage-way and throughout the dining room and parlor as well. Even the original staircase still exists; its features are plain with a square newel post and two square balusters. Interior wooden shutters, so characteristic of 18th-century brick homes, are still used to brighten or darken the parlor and dining room during the daylight hours.

Upper Wolfsnare does not just look authentic. It even feels authentic. It is the genuine article, an obscure local treasure.

"This house is intact in its basic original fabric. That's what is unusual about it," says Henry.

In 1759, Thomas Walke III (Major Walke) probably began building "the brick house" on land he acquired in earlier years. According to tradition, he used the finest building materials that were available.

During her tour of the manor house, docent Joanne Woodruff provides her guests with a little Walke family background in order to give visitors an clear idea of the Walke's status in local society. Woodruff modestly characterizes the Walke as "well-to-do."

"The fact that he could afford to build a fine brick house like this gives you an indication of his wealth," comments Woodruff. "He was also into shipping, and he was part owner of a ship. He owned 7,000 acres; that was a total, not all in one place."

Clearly, Major Walke was a

member of the upper class, the gentry.

"He was instrumental in procuring the communion silver for the Eastern Shore Chapel of Ease," adds Woodruff.

Although the furnishings at Upper Wolfsnare are appropriate to an 18th century Virginia plantation house, none of the furniture is original to the house or connected with the Walke family — with the exception of a few portraits that are believed to depict family members. Cousin Anthony Walke is among them.



IN THE CARDS. The survival of Upper Wolfsnare Plantation for 240 years must have been in the cards, but it wasn't always a good bet.

Major Walke apparently died before the completion of the house because instructions were left in his will on how the house was to be "furnished and finished."

Thomas Walke IV, who had inherited this manor house from his father, was one of the few Whigs in Loyalist Princess Anne County during the American Revolution. Following the Revolution, Colonel Walke (Thomas Walke IV) had the distinction of serving as one of the two elected delegates from Princess Anne County to the Virginia Convention which ratified the Constitution of the United States in 1788.

When Colonel Walke died in

1797, he willed his estate which included real estate, slaves, farming equipment, and household furnishings to his wife Elizabeth and two sisters. After Elizabeth's death, the house was inherited by three of Walke's nephews who promptly sold the property.

Since the property was purchased by John Cornick in 1822, there have been a number of families who have owned the brick house. The Ferebees, Fentresses, Starks, Batters, Barrows, and Malbons have been among them.

Since 1966, Upper Wolfsnare Plantation has been owned by the Princess Anne/Virginia Beach Historical Society. In November of 1974, it was officially designated as a Virginia Historic Landmark, and, in March of 1975, the house was added to the National Register of Historic Places. Upper Wolfsnare Plantation exists as a monument of sorts to the colonial settlers who invested their lives and their fortunes in a new world and a new republic with no guarantee of success.

This uncelebrated local jewel — with its Flemish-bond brickwork and interior chimneys with corbelled caps — survived only because of a few local folks who saw the value of antiquity in a rapidly developing community.

Today, this little piece of 18th-century Princess Anne County history is suspended between a modern superhighway and a naval jet base in a beguilingly rural setting.

While the Walke's would certainly have no difficulty recognizing their former home, they might initially find the expressway traffic distressing and the jet base noise a bit disconcerting.

Indeed, the neighborhood has changed a bit over the past 240 years.

Classes will start Sept. 14 and run every Tuesday evening from 5 to 8 p.m. through Dec. 7. 630 to 930 p.m. through Dec. 7. Classes will be held in the Human Resources Training Building 19 at the Virginia Beach Municipal Center.

Applications can be picked up at any Virginia Beach Police precinct or from building 5 at the Municipal Center.

The Friends of the Virginia Beach Public Library will hold their Semi-Annual Used Book Sale from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 29 at the Virginia Beach Pavilion in Virginia Beach. Books available will cover all subjects and prices are low (\$1 for hardback books, 50 cents for paperback books). Admission is free and there is no limit to the number of books that can be purchased. For more information call, 427-4321.

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'Let There Be Light' sheds light on past

By Bob Rueggeger
Correspondent

In an age when a power outage of a few hours generates letters of outrage in the local newspapers, it is clear that the convenience of electric power has become a necessity. In addition to the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, modern folks demand the right to electricity.

Just read the letters to the editor.

As long as the power is on, few folks give light a second thought. Diane Schmidt is one of the few. Schmidt, a docent with the Princess Anne/Virginia Beach Historical Society at Upper Wolfsnare Plantation, has put together a program called "Let There Be Light." Schmidt's program explores "civilized" life before electricity.

Using a variety of lighting artifacts that she pulled out of the attic of the old manor house, Schmidt's presentation briefs Upper Wolfsnare visitors on the types of lighting devices that

LET THERE BE LIGHT

"Let There Be Light" is offered on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. through Aug. 28 at the Upper Wolfsnare Plantation at 2040 Potter's Rd. Call 491-3490 for more information.

were common in Virginia before electricity became all the rage.

"Technically, lighting stayed the same for 3,000 years, says Schmidt. "It didn't change much until about the mid-18th century."

According to Schmidt, early lighting devices consisted generally of a container and some kind of grease or oil. "They smelled bad. There was a lot of smoke and a lot of work; they didn't create much light," Schmidt notes.

Schmidt begins with the Betty lamp, and...well, the rest is history.

Wolfsnare visitors, it seems, tend to find Schmidt's program enlightening.



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Gallery makes art of expansion

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the hub of downtown's happenings. The High Street Landing, which's Riverview's windows looks out on, is a tourist draw and gathering spot for local festivities. And diners must pass by the shop when they enter The Jewish Mother.

"They're getting off the ferry at our front door and going to a very nice restaurant. There's no way to get into it without walking by us," Potrafka smiled. "It's been a wonderful symbiotic relationship."

Riverview Gallery's quick popularity has enabled it to establish a unique collection of art offerings. Representing 175 North American artists, there is pottery, hand-wrought jewelry, stained glass, paintings, textiles, metal, mixed media, even a collection of Judaica art.

The time was ripe for growth. "We were looking to expand and had an idea for a secondary gallery in Cape Charles," said Potrafka.

However, while attending an art expo in Philadelphia, the site that the Lampmans and Potrafka were eyeing was purchased by someone else.

Knowing they had to grow, they continued the search — but just not for any old place.

"The art business is difficult enough to make money in," he explained.

The proprietors learned of a framing shop at the beach which would welcome an art gallery on site, The Art of Framing at the corner of General Both Boulevard and Dam Neck Road.

On July 22 Riverview Too officially opened. Recently, Potrafka said, Riverview Gallery was "courted heavily" to try another location in Williamsburg. Hence, they

moved into the "test site" Monday.

Earlene Lampman, a needlework artist who's been in retail for years, sees great possibilities.

"We're looking forward to so many good things," she said.

Among those things, according to Potrafka, is furnishing this year's Charity Home at Homearama with art and accessories, starting a bridal and gift registry, going after corporate business and putting paintings on CD rom so customers can quickly peruse artists. It already has its own web page, www.riverview-gallery.com.

ARE CALENDAR

The Association for Research and Enlightenment (ARE) announces its schedule of free lectures for the week of Aug. 15-21:

- Sunday, Aug. 15 - "Health, Healing and Diet" by Dr. Daniel Redwood, 3:30 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 16 - "Meditation" by Adella Wilson, 3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 17 - "Auras" by Carolyn Gelone, 3:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 18 - "The Soul" by Shirley Winston, 3:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 19 - "Dreams and Dreaming" by Midge Woods, 3:30 p.m.
- Friday, Aug. 20 - "Atlantis" by Sandra Marcorio, 3:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 21 - "Reincarnation" by Rachelle Hasnas, 3:30 p.m.

All lectures are held at the ARE Visitor Center, 6700 Atlantic Ave. For more information call, 428-3588, ext. 7265.

Virginia Symphony debuts Pavilion Classics Series

In response to high demand for the Virginia Symphony's Mozart and More programming that has previously been available only on the Peninsula, the Virginia Symphony presents the 1999-2000 Pavilion Classics Series.

In this new series, three of the Mozart and More Classics concerts will be performed at the Virginia Beach Pavilion, along with a special presentation of selections from the Symphony's Beethoven Festival.

Pavilion Classics will replace the Virginia Symphony Pavilion Pop Series, presented in previous seasons at the Pavilion. The series is sponsored by Old Point National Bank.

The Pavilion Classics Series opens Sept. 10 at 8 p.m. with "Encore Beethoven," which has been moved from Sept. 12 and was previously announced as part of the "1999 Virginia Symphony State Tour." The tour has been postponed tentatively until spring 2000, but the program for the concert remains. Guests will enjoy selections from the symphony's ever-popular Beethoven Festival, including his overture to "The Creatures of Prometheus," "Piano Concerto No. 3 in c minor" and "Symphony No. 7 in A Major."

Maestro Falletta conducts as pianist Neil Rutman joins the orchestra as soloist for the evening.

On Oct. 22 at 8 p.m. the Virginia Symphony presents "Williamsburg: Music in the Capital Years." Associate Con-

ductor Wes Kenney conducts as the concert opens with Handel's Overture to Alexander's Feast followed by Handel's Concerto for Harp in B-flat Major, which features the symphony's principal harpist, Barbara Chapman. Mozart's "Symphony No. 38 in E-flat major" and Haydn's "Symphony No. 99 in E-flat Major" will round out the program.

"Return to Paris" with the Virginia Symphony on March 5 at 3 p.m. Wes Kenney leads the orchestra in Mozart's "Les Petites Riens" and Prokofiev's "Violin Concerto No. 1 in D Major," featuring Virginia Symphony concertmaster, Vahn Armstrong. Satie's "Trois Petites Pièces Montées" and Haydn's "Symphony No. 85 in B-flat Major," "La Reine," provide an exciting conclusion to the program.

To bring the series to a close, the symphony presents an evening of "Mozart and Tchaikovsky," May 28 at 3 p.m. The performance features Mozart's "Symphony No. 38 in D Major," "Prague," Francaix's "The Flower Clock," and Tchaikovsky's "Suite No. 4 in G Major," "Mozartiana." JoAnn Falletta conducts and Sherie Lake Aguirre, Virginia Symphony's principal oboe, performs as soloist.

Subscriptions to all four of the Pavilion Classics concerts are available for \$35 to \$80. Single tickets will be available for sale on Aug. 9 and range from \$10 to \$28. Senior citizen, military and

student discounts are available.

For group discounts, contact Janice Benson, 466-3060, ext. 320. Tickets may be purchased at the Virginia Symphony Box Of-

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Tri-Kids '99

Come to Tri-Kids '99 on Sunday, Oct. 3 at Great Neck Recreation Center for a youth triathlon for children ages 7 to 15. This program promotes physical fitness and gives area kids the opportunity to experience the diversity of a triathlon. Children will bike, run and then swim, all within the immediate area of the recreation center.

Check in time is 8 a.m. on Oct. 3. The registration deadline is Sept. 24. Registration forms are available at all recreation centers, and the participation fee is \$15 per child. Each participant will receive a T-shirt.

For more information call 471-5884.

Show auditions

Auditions for the Virginia Musical Theatre 1999-2000 season will be held Saturday, Aug. 28 in Virginia Beach. Shows to be cast include "The Unsinkable Molly Brown," "Christmas Carol/NEWMusical," "1776" and "George M." Needed are adult singers, dancers and actors. All positions are salaried. An accompanist is provided. Also needed are volunteers to work backstage. For more information and to schedule an appointment call Jeff Meredith, 340-5446.

Cox orientation

Orientation for all new students at Frank W. Cox High School will be Aug. 26 at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium. The Cox Student Cooperative Association (SCA) will present a parade of all the clubs and extracurricular activities available to students as well as tours of the building. New students are invited to bring their schedules and questions to get a head start on the new school year.

Computer classes

The Making A Difference Foundation is again offering computer literacy classes. Learn the basics of the computer, how to use Word and more. The cost of each eight-hour course is \$40. The classes are held at the foundation's computer lab at 1314 Kempville Rd. in Virginia Beach across from the IHOP. The classes are offered in the morning, afternoon and evenings. Call for more information, Alicia at 495-5009. For members of the Hampton Roads Hispanic Community bilingual support is offered for the classes.

Exhibit opens

Newport News native David Rauch, horticulturist by day and experimental painter by night, began his art career while completing his second degree at Christopher Newport College. An artist friend challenged him to quit talking about art and do it.

In Rauch's intensely colored "Bio-Morphic" series of large paintings, he explores such diverse topics as Chaos Theory, Cyclical progression of nature, and the belief that opposites exist only because of the other's existence. The more subdued "Mind Slip" series is a Buddhist influenced attempt to paint sound and form.

Rauch's work will have its Virginia Beach debut showing at the new Riverview Gallery Too, located in the Art of Framing Gallery at the corner of General Booth Boulevard and Dam Neck. The artist will be available to discuss his work at an opening reception Saturday, Aug. 21 from 1 to 5 p.m. The work will be on display through Sept. 24. For more information call Riverview Gallery, 397-3207, or Riverview Gallery Too, 428-1734.

Little colonists

Explore the daily lives of the children in 18th-century Virginia as the Francis Land House Historic Site and Gardens presents "Colonial Children: Chores and Curiosities." This special hands-on program is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 1 continuous from 2 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$2 per child aged 4 and up. There is no charge for the accompanying adult.

Children will be invited to churn butter, "make" dough, "wash and iron," try on colonial clothing, fill mattresses, play colonial games, make a twig weaving, and use a flower press.

Dutch club

Netherlands Contact of Tidewater (NCT) seeks new members for its 1999-2000 season. Any area resident who speaks Dutch is welcome to join.

(NCT), a non-profit cultural club active in Tidewater since 1977, holds monthly events for its members from September through June. Activities include a rijsttafel (an Indonesian-style rice table) a wijn-en-kaas feestje (wine and cheese party), a Sinterklaas (St. Nicholas) party for children, and a potluck supper featuring traditional Dutch dishes.

For more information about becoming a member call, 464-9489.

Farmers say summer growing season has been mixed blessing



PEACHY KEEN. The summer has been a mixed bag for local farmers. Sweet corn and peaches did well, as Rene Brandt at Davis' Farm Stand illustrates. However, grain farmers are having a rough time.

Dry weather, high temperatures good for some crops, but others have suffered

By Jane Rowe
Correspondent

Most Virginia Beach residents will probably remember this summer as one of the worst they've ever lived through. Weeks of soaring temperatures, high humidity and below-average rainfall have parched the earth and wilted the flowers.

It's hard to imagine that anything could survive such brutal conditions, but local produce farmers are still offering plenty of juicy tomatoes, tender sweet corn and succulent figs for the hungry day-trippers to take home.

This summer's weather, the produce farmers say, has been at worst a mixed blessing. Virginia Beach produce farmers have escaped the worst of the drought that plagued inland Virginia this year.

While there's been some crop damage, the extent of the loss depends on where, and what, the farmers were growing.

While an unusually cool spring and a dry summer has shortened the blueberry season, the intermittent rainy periods came during the crucial pollination period for sweet corn.

Those farmers whose fields are located in the low-lying areas near Back Bay have had an easier time dealing with the dry weather than those who farm the higher ridgeland near Pungo.

"The dry weather didn't hurt me, because I'm right next to the Bay," Davis said.

"We're more fortunate than most," said

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Legendary coach will address Neptune breakfast

The Virginia Beach Neptune Festival announces former University of Alabama head coach Gene Stallings will be the featured speaker at the 1999 Neptune Festival Interfaith Prayer Breakfast.

The Interfaith Prayer Breakfast is one of the hallmark events of the Neptune Festival and has been an integral part of the event for many years. Its mission is "to bring the community together in an expression of faith that affirms all."

Nancy Creech, president of the Neptune Festival adds, "By gathering together, we send a strong message to area citizens and to those who visit the

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Gene Stallings

Dolphin watcher extraordinaire: Camera's lens is on the waves

By Victoria Hecht
Editor

It was a good day on the water.

With his camera's lens ready to capture nature at its best, photographer Ronn Maratea scanned the Atlantic waters for signs of a frolicking dolphin pod.

He was in luck.

That day's trip aboard the *Miss Virginia Beach* on one of the Virginia Marine Science Museum's dolphin-watching excursions yielded 20 or 30 sightings of the playful creatures — not to mention plenty of photo opportunities.

A retired naval aviator, Maratea has roamed the world seeking wildlife in their natural habitats. He and wife Janet especially love African photo safaris. But then again he doesn't have to wander far for amazing images of those who call the water home.

Come summer and winter, Maratea is a regular on the museum's dolphin- and whale-watching excursions. Hardly a day goes by when the Thalia resident doesn't hop on the boat — and when he misses a day it's not quite the same.

He likes to be put to the test, but who will prevail? The lightning-quick dolphins zipping through the waves, or Maratea's hopefully-quicker finger on the shutter.

"Dolphin photography is very humbling. You have to be right on it," he reflected. "They're very quick."

Maratea and wife Jan started their own commercial photography business in 1974, the day after Ronn's retirement from the Navy. Starting with a home studio, they eventually expanded to a 3,000-square-foot Virginia Beach studio.



Photo by Victoria Hecht

POISED FOR PICTURES. Ronn Maratea, a volunteer for the Virginia Marine Science Museum, captures dolphins on film for identification purposes.

In 1984, they took their first trip to Africa, the realization of their lifelong passion for two things: animals and photography. Since then, they've traveled to Africa "17 or 18 times." Ronn wields the camera, while Jan is the chief scout.

"The African wildlife is my first love," Maratea confessed. "I started on dolphins and whales last year, though I had taken pictures before that. But last year when I began to

actively pursue dolphins and whales. I wanted to extend the range of my photography, plus I've always been involved with the Marine Science Museum."

Even when the museum was still just a concept, "before they ever broke ground," Maratea was taking photos for the project. When it opened, he prepared an award-

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Tag team kickboxing comes to Pavilion

Promoters say wrestling fans intrigued by this new offering

By Matthew Shanley
Correspondent

Four men, eight feet and a lot of action.

That's what Blackhawk Walters is promising when he and his cousin, Clark Walters, team up to compete in world championship tag team kickboxing Friday (today) at 7:30 p.m. at the Virginia Beach Pavilion.

The event, sponsored by the World Karate Kickboxing Organization (WKKO) includes standard kickboxing, but the main draw is a 20-minute tag team fight pitting 48-year-old Blackhawk and 27-year-old Clark dubbed "Thunder and Lightning" against "The Green Dragons" team of Henry Hancock and Greg Gallop.

Clark, the Mid-Atlantic middleweight champ currently ranked sixth in the world, enters the bout with 19-1-1 record. Blackhawk (37-7), the former U.S. middleweight champ and former number one-

ranked world contender, comes back to the ring after a 10-year hiatus.

Both men live in Chesapeake and run the Blackhawk Martial Arts Center in Great Bridge. It will be the debut for tag team kickboxing in the area, and Blackhawk believes the unique format of his bout will boost the sport locally.

"It's really simple," Blackhawk said. "It's pretty much like regular kickboxing except it's all up to you when you want to tag your partner."

"The action is going to be intense," added Clark, who has a 1-1-1 record against Gallop and is participating in his first championship bout.

"At first, I was a little uneasy about it," he said. "Now with everyone talking about it, I'm pretty excited."

Competitors in the tag team match — they must have been world-ranked at one time or another — have to be holding on to the ropes in their corner of the ring be-

fore they can tag their partners.

And a knockdown doesn't necessarily mean a knockout. If a fighter goes down and is waiting for the 10-count signaling the end of the fight his teammate may help him get up.

When the second fighter enters the ring, however, both members of the opposing team may enter the ring, creating the possibility of having four fighters in the ring at one time.

The action must stop when the 10 seconds have elapsed and individual fighting continues.

"You never had that happen in kickboxing before," said Blackhawk. "I think it's cool. Wrestling fans are really interested in this fight."

Indeed, professional wrestling fans accustomed to seeing several bodies tossed around the ring seem to have taken the lead in buying tickets.

Blackhawk claimed that half of the 800 tickets sold in the 1,500-seat arena were purchased by pro wrestling devotees.

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TAG TEAM. Blackhawk Walters, pictured, and cousin Clark Walters will take on competitors tonight during tag team kickboxing at the Pavilion.

Commentary

CAMILLE'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

Better safe than sorry

August marks the 30th anniversary of one of the most devastating hurricanes in this nation's history. Hurricane Camille, the second strongest hurricane to ever strike the United States this century, blasted along the Mississippi coast when it made landfall Aug. 17, 1968 with 190-mile-per-hour winds and 30-foot storm tides.

Coastal residents like ourselves, as well as inland Virginia residents, should know that intense hurricanes and tropical storms can cause widespread flooding capable of extensive damage.

Ironically, most home insurance policies don't come with flood insurance. It's an option.

Consider the consequences if you don't have flood insurance. It's not a pretty picture. In fact, it's a mess.

It was Camille's Category 5 impact in Central Virginia that established it as a record-breaking flood producer.

After landfall, Camille weakened steadily as it moved through Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky and West Virginia. When it hit Virginia, after regaining strength, a record 28 inches of rain fell in Nelson County — an amount that more than tripled Virginia's 24-hour record set in 1942.

Before exiting into the Atlantic Ocean, flash flooding occurred along headwater streams and tributaries of the James River.

Virginia counted 113 dead and 39 missing as a result of the storm. Total damages amounted to more than \$116 million — or \$534 million in current terms. The floods, rain-induced landslides and property damage caused by Camille was the worst natural disaster to ever strike this state. Camille's total damage was estimated at \$1.4 billion, or \$6.25 billion by today's standards.

Research by the National Hurricane Center in Miami shows that more people lose their lives to freshwater floods developing after hurricanes make landfall than from accompanying wind, waves and storm surges. In fact, near half of the fatalities caused by Camille were the result of freshwater flooding.

Another area of huge, potential loss is traffic jams during mass evacuations. Hampton Roads has a hurricane evacuation route, but how many people know that or, better yet, the route itself?

According to hurricane experts, the bottom line is that if you're told to evacuate you should do so. If not told to evacuate, stay off the roads and stay put.

Hopefully, as a new millennium nears, better storm-tracking technology is being developed and infrastructure designed to forecast, observe, warn and respond to storms more quickly.

The best bet is to simply be prepared — better to be safe than sorry. Camille's 30th anniversary is a good time as the height of hurricane season nears. Remember that hurricanes, tropical storms and tropical depressions can have life-threatening impacts on coastal and inland families.

The public should be alert and prepared for any heavy rain, lightning, tornadoes, floods and flash floods.

It just makes good sense. — V.E.H.

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We must stop gun worship



Perspectives

By Eileen Huey, columnist

Well, we did something alright — we proliferated firearms to such an extent that children, the mentally unbalanced anarchist, street gangs and violent felons can buy guns on urban-center street corners or at massive gun shows with the ease of buying popcorn at the movies. In America, it is easier to buy firearms than firecrackers.

But let's be fair. Not all states make illegal access to firearms so easy. If you want to buy a gun beneath the radar screen of the authorities, your best bet is in the regions where the gun culture reigns supreme. Gun traffickers thrive not only on the tough ghetto streets, but also in the pawn shops and gun shows of our southern, mid-western and far-west states. In these regions the gun is almost worshipped — taking precedence over every other national issue.

Opponents of gun-control routinely criticize gun laws by citing the high violent crime rate in Washington, D.C., a city which bans the possession of firearms altogether. Yet 98 percent of the guns involved in crimes in our national capital are purchased in Virginia and Maryland by the perpetrator of the crime itself.

So until those surrounding states stop putting guns into the hands of juveniles, the mentally unbalanced and the felon, they should stop throwing stones from their glass houses.

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place in one of the stronghold of the National Rifle Association. Think about it—Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Illinois, Arkansas, Oregon, Washington State, Colorado and Georgia — all of which are hotbeds of the anti-gun control forces in America.

So, when a barrage of bullets was unleashed from an Ozzie upon preschoolers in a Jewish Community Center in Los Angeles, I was surprised. There went my theory, after all, few jurisdictions reverse guns less and support gun safety laws more than the state of California.

Sure enough, it turned out that a man from Idaho (the center of the militia movement) drove all the way to southern California to make his murderous statement. Think how scary it is that Americans are now killing fellow Americans over religion.

As if we don't have enough intolerance to overcome given America's bloody racist past without adding religion to the mix. What happened in Los Angeles last week not only dishonored the memory of the brave Americans who gave their lives to defeat fascism, but also assaulted our constitutional right to freedom of religion.

It is inadequate to claim these school massacres and mass murders occur merely because their perpetrators are insane. There are a heck of a lot more mentally-disturbed people walking the streets of California and the densely-populated Northeast than in the gun-loving belt of America.

The difference in the regions where gun safety is a priority is that law enforcement's hands are not tied in their effort to protect the public. Why? Because the community is behind them, refusing to shield the access of criminals and other dangerous persons to buy a gun and the ammunition to use it.

Their reward for standing tough on gun regulations is real enough. The likelihood of their children being moved down in school is far less than in those regions where packing pistols and awesome firepower are revered.

By overtly identifying our individual freedom with firearms, we have embarked on a dangerous path. Are we heading for the day when we shoot weapons into the air to register our political speech like they do in the Middle East?

It is certainly legitimate to worry about protection from crime — so why not triple or quadruple our community policing? When the wild west had a similar problem, they hired an effective marshal and gave him as many deputies as he needed to get the job done. That's what civilized societies do to protect lives, homes and businesses. They do not rely upon the arming of all citizens to insure public safety.

You can blame the media and Hollywood all you want — but, remember, they merely reflect our values. We could stop the proliferation and glorification of violence and firearms any time we want — simply stop going to those movies or buying the violent video games. Believe me, Hollywood and the media gurus would change their tune real quick once they started losing money.

The time has come for America to stop worshipping at the altar of the gun. There is nothing sacred about any weapon of death. The Teacher of Righteousness preached tolerance and living in peace with our fellowman — not the bearing of arms against our neighbors. If we really want to change our culture, we could start following Him for a change.

Working moms face Catch 22

Evan and I are dealing with a situation now which — foolish as we are — we thought we'd never encounter.

Welcome to the world of child care. Or rather, world of non-child care.

Until now, we've been fortunate. In January, when I came back to work, we found "Miss Linda" to watch our precious bundle. Back then Mitch was just over 2 1/2 months old and difficult to leave. After all, I wanted to be home with my baby, but

never an easy issue because there are so many choices. Should we use at-home care for our sweet babe so he'd always be comfy in his own house? Or should we look into day care centers?

Or should we consider home day care provided by a motherly type? We quickly ruled out in-home care. A nanny's salary was simply more than we could afford at \$200 a week or more, though we liked this option best.

Day care centers were our next choice. Then I started calling around. Many don't take small babies, or any children in diapers, for that matter. And the ones that did had long waiting lists. The price was a bit steep, too, at \$125 and up per week.

Finally, we looked at home day care. This was the most affordable option and, we later learned, was a majority of working mothers like myself tend toward.

We got out the newspaper and started searching. Rates were reasonable, usually around \$70 to \$85 a week, and the providers flexible. We talked to lots of ladies before picking Miss Linda, whose advertisement I found right here in our own paper.

So now the search is on again. This time, though, it seems a bit more complicated. Maybe it's because back-to-school time is near and moms are scrambling to find a sitter for their kids.

For the past week I've eagerly torn open the classifieds of the daily paper in search of a new "second mom" for our little fellow. This weekend, we'll meet three of the ladies, and we've already interviewed another.

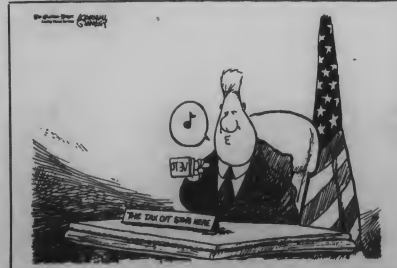
As a working mother, I'm getting a first-hand look at what I've heard women complaining about for years. We desperately want to be near our children, yet also have to earn a buck.

There are new options available to moms these days — working from the home, flex time, job sharing, etc. But for the vast majority of us, these are still not options. We do our 9 to 5, come home, make dinner, get the kids to bed and clean the house.

And while we're at work we're agonizing that we can't be with our children playing, taking walks, teaching the ABCs, baking cookies and doing all those wonderful things that previous generation of moms — non-working moms, that is — did. I never realized how fortunate I was to have a stay-at-home mom who was there to drop me off and greet me at the bus stop. And when she volunteered at the now-defunct VA hospital in Norfolk, the school bus dropped me off there. Mom was always around.

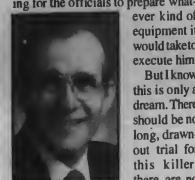
Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could combine work and mothering? Or if all companies and small businesses had on-site day care facilities available so moms could drop in on their babies during the workday? Some do, but they are few and far between. And do we search for someone who is the next best thing to mom — the care provider.

It isn't an easy task for Evan and me. That's one of the most important things we'll do as Mitch grows up. Wish us luck that we'll find a good "second mom." And good luck to all your other working moms out there.



Will justice prevail in Furrow case? Probably not

If I were the judge who will handle the Buford O. Furrow Jr. case, I would have him sitting on death row waiting for the officials to prepare what-



The Real World

By B.J. Sessions, senior columnist

ever kind of equipment it would take to execute him. But I know this is only a dream. There should be no long, drawn-out trial for this killer; there are no allegations, hearsay or innuendoes involved here. Furrow has a s brazenly admitted killing — a Filipino-American mail carrier and shooting into a Jewish community center wounding several, mostly little, children. It was a miracle that more were not killed or wounded.

This scam seems proud of its accomplishments. He says he shot the postal worker because he was the "wrong color" and that he shot up the Jewish community center to send the message that "it is time to kill Jews."

Unfortunately, this killer will sit in jail eating good food, sleeping in a good bed and receive all the benefits that the bleeding hearts demand that murderers receive while awaiting trial. Sadly, the lawyers and all accommodations for Buford Furrow will be paid for by taxpayer.

This case will be drawn out while the ACLU, the pope, Hollywood nuts, Mexico, Madeline Albright and other bleeding hearts assure that none of Furrow's rights are violated, while no attention will be given to the victims.

Those who oppose the death penalty will be screaming that it would be wrong to execute this man, probably because, like President Clinton, he had a bad childhood. This madness of protecting vicious killers has got to stop if the American people expect to feel safe again.

It's dangerous for children to go to school. It's dangerous to go shopping, to the doctor, church and it is even dangerous to stay at home. On top of that, the gun nuts want to take what little protection on the law-abiding citizens has away so that the killers won't have any opposition when they attack.

This man was determined to kill or hurt — and he would have done it with a hammer or a hand grenade in order to get the job done. Sure, he had a gun. But there is no way to keep him from getting one no matter what crazy gun laws the Bradys can come up with.

If this man is executed, it will assure that he will never kill again. If California has a problem executing Buford O. Furrow Jr., and I am sure they have, send him to Virginia. We will take care of it.

Welcome to the real world.

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Community program gives a CARE for Beach youths, gets community involved

In order to provide more appropriate, more coordinated and enhanced services and activities to help improve the quality of neighborhood life, a program called CARE (Community Action Resource Empowerment) was created in 1989.



The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyer Oberdorf

dedicated to the purposes of CARE, as well as other housing and neighborhood improvement activities.

CARE began as an unfunded committee of city staff that utilized existing resources. All CARE staff members are paid as city staff members by their respective departments. Some of the first activities were fund-raising events operated by CARE staff on their own time, including a golf tournament. Local businesses have donated various items for CARE-sponsored youth activities valued in total at over several thousand dollars.

CARE and the neighborhood representatives involve religious, business and civic leaders, property owners and tenants in the development and implementation of neighborhood improvement efforts. This highly inclusive approach helps improve the chances of success. It has formed the Neighborhood Leadership Council, consisting of the presidents of the leadership organizations of each neighborhood, which also provides ongoing input from each neighborhood.

A nonprofit organization called CARE, Inc. has been formed to advise the CARE program members and the city on activities and to assist with obtaining resources. The CARE, Inc., board of directors consists of representatives from some of the CARE neighborhoods, as well as business and civic leaders who wish to assist CARE.

In conjunction with full-time municipal responsibilities, the CARE staff works closely with neighborhood representatives to identify activities that are needed. These activities are then reviewed and approved by the department directors involved, and the CARE, Inc. Board. The actual execution of the neighborhood plans may be carried out by CARE staff members or other city or school staff, as well as neighborhood residents and other public and private organizations involved.

CARE works closely with residents to identify neighborhood leaders and organize neighborhood representation. These representatives then work with CARE to identify services or other activities that are needed to improve that neighborhood. CARE and neighborhood representatives attempt to provide, obtain or leverage the needed services and activities, using public, private and nonprofit partners and resources.

The CARE Committee has identified 14 neighborhoods to work in on an ongoing basis. Although other neighborhoods have contacted the committee to ask for CARE to work with them, limitations on staff time have prevented immediate expansion. In 1990, the Virginia Beach CARE Committee joined in partnership with

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the police department to complement the philosophy of community policing. The police are involved in the identification of neighborhoods and the implementation of policing measures that increase neighborhood safety which must be established in order for the program to be successful.

This addition to the CARE program has been a key part of the success of CARE. The city of Virginia Beach has been awarded a Community Policing Grant, and has committed to carry out community policing activities in a consistent and ongoing basis in the CARE neighborhoods.

In July 1993, the City Council made funds available for CARE activities, to be allocated according to CARE recommendations. These funds have been used to establish partnerships in providing some of the specific activities and services that are needed and requested by CARE communities. In addition to continued city funding, federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are used to support eligible neighborhood activities.

Also in 1993, the CARE Youth Leadership Program was created, which provides tutoring during the school year and a camp during the summer. The first year, 65 youngsters participated. Last summer, there were 400 campers ages 4 to 12 and peer counselors from 14 to 18 years old. Earlier this year at 11 sites throughout Virginia Beach, the program provided Standards of Learning (SOL) tutoring to students in grades K through 8. The goal of the program is to develop youth leaders who are equipped for year 2000 and beyond.

Over the past nine years the CARE committee has met monthly to share information, avoid unnecessary duplication of services, strengthen community associations and to encourage community pride.

I will say again what I said at a business breakfast in May. "The future of Virginia Beach's tomorrow depends upon the youth of today."

I would also like to repeat what the keynote speaker, Louis W. Johnson Jr., said at that breakfast. "We all have the potential to become beacons of influence for others, and there are opportunities for mentoring all around us." Members of CARE are some of those beacons.

The CARE Committee is helping make Virginia Beach an even better place to live, work and raise a family. We salute this amazing organization.

Lisa Chandler White, public information specialist for the city manager's office, contributed to this column.

Up close and personal Martha Parker: Details matter

By Victoria Hecht

Editor

Martha Parker knows how to throw a great party.

Or reception.

Or convention, for that matter.

Parker is an events coordinator at the Chesapeake Conference Center, which means she must be a person of detail.

What color tablecloth for that corporate dinner? Will a sound system be needed? Any vegetarian guests expected?

Details, details, details. It may as well be Parker's middle name. But it's not. It's the more sedate "Ann."

A resident of Virginia Beach's Level Green community, Parker joined the conference center staff in October 1997.

Until then she'd worked for several years in the hospitality field in several positions: reservations manager, sales manager, customer service representative and, until accepting the Chesapeake position, director of sales for LTD Management Co. in Norfolk.

Parker's job could almost be described as "dream maker," because she explains it this way: "I work closely with the clients to ensure that their events are set up and go off the way that they envision them to."

That makes for an interesting job.

"It's never the same day to day, which is the beauty of the job," said Parker. "It's never routine, although you may deal with the same clients. Working events — and everything that goes in them — is our life."

Fortunately, Parker was blessed with a natural attention for the little things.

"You really have to be detail-oriented," she explained. "There are so many things which the client might not think of, but that they want. It's our job to dot all the i's and cross all the t's."

Parker, one of two events coordinators at the center (Jeff Bunn is the other), particularly enjoys pulling together celebrity-related events such as golf tournaments. Add to the mix car shows, travel shows, conferences and conventions, trade shows, even an 8-ball tournament, and it's a recipe for diversity.

"The most interesting aspect of what I do is meeting all the different types of people," she related.

Parker gets to know those people well.

"Before the event you start off calling the client Mrs. Jones," she mused. "But by the end it's just Susan."

The job allows for creative scheduling, one which Parker describes as a "week on, week off."

She quickly smiled and clarified, "Not really a week off. We'll spend a week in planning, then a week at events. At first we were working some long, long hours (as the center was getting up and running). I could have built a closet right in my office. Back then when we were just 'babies' getting started it was like we lived here."

With her flexible schedule, though, the weeks Parker knows she'll be working at nights mean she can attend to errands during the morning. With 20 to 25 events at the center in any given week, her afternoons and evenings are full.

When Parker isn't working, she simply likes to "kick back" and relax at home "since this is such a structured environment here. My passion is reading."

Name: Martha Ann Parker.

What brought you to this area: Born and raised in Norfolk.

Age: 29. I'll be 30 on Sept. 6.

Nickname: I had a nickname as a child that I would not dare to see in print. But I don't have one as an adult.

Occupation: Events coordinator at the Chesapeake Conference Centers.

Marital Status: Married for four years.

Children: I don't have any children.

Favorite movies: "Bad Boys" with Martin Lawrence and Will Smith is my favorite movie. My second favorite is "There's Something About Mary."



Magazines I read regularly: Ebony and Essence.

Favorite authors: Terry McMillan and E. Lynn Harris.

Favorite night: My favorite night on the town was at this lovely little entertainment restaurant in the Bahamas. I was on my honeymoon.

Favorite restaurant: Captain John's.

Favorite meal and beverage: Cajun catfish with a nice garden salad and glass of lemonade on the side.

What most people don't know about me: That I am the youngest of 16 children. Yes, I said 16.

Best thing about myself: I would have to say the best things about me are my great organizational skills, my attention to detail and my willingness to help others.

Worst habit: My addiction to peanut butter cookies (homemade are the best).

Pets: I don't have any pets, but I have always wanted a small dog. I just can't find the time to take care of one.

Hobbies: Softball, skating and reading. I also enjoy taking walks along the beach.

Ideal vacation: My ideal vacation would be me and my girlfriends living it up for about two weeks in the Caribbean islands.

Pet peeves: My strongest pet peeve is rude people who show a blatant disregard for others.

First job: Office worker at a low-income housing office. I was 16 years old.

Least liked job: My worst job was as a customer service associate at this company where I had to convince people to keep the products that were sold to them by telemarketers. I did meet some good people there, though.

Favorite sports team: Los Angeles Lakers. I like Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant.

Favorite musician: I don't have any one favorite musical artist and there are too many I like to name. However, I do listen to R&B, gospel and jazz.

Most embarrassing moment: One of my most embarrassing moments was when my family and I went skating and I was showing off by skating backwards. When I turned around to skate forward again, I fell hard. I mean very hard. Everyone laughed for quite sometime. Luckily, I didn't hurt myself.

How I would like to be remembered: I would like to be remembered as a fair, honest and respected woman — one who has always felt free enough to speak her mind and the belief and conviction to stand behind it.

If I received \$1 million: I would donate a sizable amount to the American Diabetes Association (my mother suffered from diabetes) and then I would share the wealth with family and friends.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: These last four to five years have bestowed so much tragedy and sadness upon my family. As a result of that, I have come to realize that life is so short to live with anger and resentment. So, with my 10 minutes of airtime, I would appeal to the masses to make the most of each and every day. Do not end your day with regrets. Do not worry about things that you have no control over. And always respect others and their choices. Finally, remember, he who sees the glass as half full has already won half the battle.

Why isn't there a no-kill shelter in Virginia Beach?

By Erinn McGuire
Special to the Sun

Full access shelters have the responsibility of doing society's dirty work. We are left to pick up where most people have left off. Millions of dogs and cats are euthanized each year in local shelters across this country. The Virginia Beach SPCA is no exception.

We have euthanized about 6,000 animals in the last 2 1/2 years. The animals that are euthanized are not only the sick, injured or old, but more often the young and healthy. There are simply not enough homes for all the unwanted animals.

We all know people who never want an animal euthanized, who insist it's better to keep the animal alive no matter what conditions the

animal may live in, how inadequate its care, or how lonely it may be.

We should ask the question, is it really humane to force an animal to live in a cage for months, perhaps years? What is better? The quality of life or the length of it?

A prison-like life is no way to live for an extended period of time. The animal can become unsocial to the point of insanity. They begin to show stereotypical behavior such as, rapidly turning circles in their cages, barking constantly, loss of interest in surroundings and even become aggressive.

They become increasingly more difficult to adopt, and may never be wanted by anyone. Prolonging life by making an animal live in existence in a metal cage with a cement floor is inhumane.

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Many ask, "Can't they stay at the shelter until they get adopted and receive the shelter, food and care that they need?"

Economically and realistically, that is almost impossible. Every

year the Virginia Beach SPCA receives about 6,000 animals. No facility could adequately feed, house and care for that many animals.

Full access shelters, like the VB-SPCA, must make room for the new incoming animals.

We accept any animal that comes to us; none is turned away. Low-kill or no-kill shelters often must turn away animals in order to save the animals already there.

And some shelters, like the Humane Society of Charlotte, a no-kill shelter, will only accept owner-relinquished pets. Strays must be turned into the city animal control or left to fend for themselves.

Thus, the burden is placed on someone else. Patti Lewis, president and founder of the Humane

Society of Charlotte, says that they would have "no choice (but to euthanize) if it weren't for the public shelter. I live in the real world. The city shelter does it because it's necessary."

The Virginia Beach SPCA has experienced this same fate. As some open access shelters change their policies to restrict access, animals which would otherwise go to them are brought to our shelter. This reduces the amount of time the animals we shelter have to stay with us and decreases the chance for adoption. It also puts an additional and significant financial burden on our SPCA to care for, vaccinate and house this increased number of animals.

We also have the task of finding good homes for all the animals.

The quality of life is the most important thing when trying to find a home. It is better to assure a life worth living than knowing that an animal might be chained in the back yard for the rest of its life. That is not living; it is merely an existence. Animals like humans, need more than food and shelter. They need affection and companionship.

Without it they suffer. The late, Phyllis Wright, a matriarch of the animal sheltering community, said it best: "Being half-alive is more cruel than being dead."

Not accepting that there is a problem only adds to the public's misconception about euthanasia and why it is unfortunately neces-

Student art glass exhibition wins state award of excellence

The Contemporary Art Center of Virginia announces that the Rufus Beamer Excellence Award was presented to "The Magic of Glass: Glass in History, Science and Technology."

The student art exhibition was an educational project facilitated by the Office of Technical and Career Education and the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia.

Virginia Beach students from First Colonial, Green Run and Ocean Lakes High School researched glass and its relation to art, history, culture, science, technology, industry and the environment for an exhibition that was shown at the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia to complement the "Dale Chihuly: Installations" exhibition at the center.

Students from Kellam High School worked with production artists from the Virginia Beach Technical and Career Education Center's Advertising Design class create visual elements and captions for the exhibition.

The Rufus Beamer Excellence Program is a statewide initiative, and the "Magic of Glass" received the state award competing against eight other regions. The prestigious award is sponsored by the Virginia Department of Education and the Virginia Council of Vocational Education. It is designed to recognize teachers who improve student achievement in technical and career education and link the achievement to business and industry.

"We were of course thrilled to win the state award, and it was an honor to work with such a talented



A "GLASS" ACT. The Contemporary Art Center and Virginia Beach Art students collected honors for a recent glass exhibition. Pictured, from left, are: Linda Love, integration specialist, Office of Technology and Career Education; Shirley Campbell, honors English teacher, Kellam High School; Betsy DiJulio, education director, Contemporary Art Center of Virginia; Terri McAllister, gifted resource teacher, Kellam High School; Judy Doyle, instructor of advertising and design, Technology and Career Education Center; Doug MacDonald, social studies teacher, First Colonial High School; and Eric Helmer, technology education teacher, Ocean Lakes High School.

group of students and teachers," said Betsy DiJulio, education director for the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia.

"But I think the real highlight of the program was the number of people who got to see this student exhibition. More than 27,000 people came out here to see Dale Chihuly's work and the 'Magic of

Glass' was the perfect companion to explain the process and history of glass," added DiJulio.

The Rufus W. Beamer Excellence Awards for Educators is a voluntary program of recognition for all vocational educators in Virginia. It challenges teachers to identify, initiate and implement programs that provide exceptional classroom in-

struction and positive outcomes for students in vocational education. The awards operate on local, regional and state levels.

The Contemporary Art Center of Virginia is a non-profit, non-collecting institution to foster awareness, exploration and understanding of the significant art of our time.



TALENTED TEEN. Kempville High School's Mike Dorfman is winner of the Top Multimedia Student Award at the Art Institute of Atlanta's ArtCamp '99.

Kempville teen nabs ArtCamp '99 honors

The Art Institute of Atlanta announced today that it has awarded Virginia Beach student Mike Dorfman, a rising senior at Kempville High School, the "Top Multimedia Student" award at ArtCamp '99.

High school juniors and seniors exhibiting a strong interest and talent in the applied arts are chosen by the college to participate in this extensive four-day workshop.

ArtCamp '99 administrators and members of the college's faculty selected Dorfman from among his peers to receive the honor of "Top Multimedia Student."

The honor is based on the quality of his finished design piece, the professionalism and work ethic he displayed throughout the four-day workshop, his academic record, and his future career goals as demonstrated in a written statement.

With this recognition comes a \$1,000 scholarship to attend The Art Institute of Atlanta, should Dorfman decide to pursue his education at college.

The scholarship is contingent upon future acceptance into one of the college's bachelor of fine arts or associate in arts degree programs.

Local teen attends 4-H Nat'l. Congress

19 picked from Virginia based on accomplishments

Virginia 4-H will have 19 of its outstanding members representing the Commonwealth's 4-H program at the National 4-H Congress to be held in Atlanta in November.

These are individuals who have been involved with 4-H for several years. They are selected on basis of their accomplishments both in 4-H and other aspects of their community and school activities. The final step in the selection is an interview with 4-H leaders during the 4-H State Congress. Among them is Lisa Kovacs of Virginia Beach.

"Those selected are 4-H members who have benefited from their par-

ticipation in 4-H and learned skills to be able to represent the state," said John Dooley, associate director Virginia Cooperative Extension, 4-H youth development and family and consumer sciences. 4-H is Extension's youth development program. Extension, a part of Virginia Tech and Virginia State universities, provides scientific information that citizens can use to improve their lives at work and home. Extension is a cooperative effort of local governments, state government, the land-grant universities, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.



OFF TO CONGRESS. 4-H Congress, that is, John Dooley, associate director of the Virginia Cooperative Extension's 4-H youth development and family and consumer sciences, congratulates Lisa Kovacs. The Beach teen was picked from a select few to attend National 4-H Congress.

Have a kicking good time at Neptune Soccer Classic

Popular event returns for a third year

The Virginia Beach Neptune Festival announces the return of the Neptune Soccer Classic.

Now in its third year, this sporting event features men's, women's and co-ed soccer teams from all of the United States competing in nine divisions.

The Neptune Soccer Classic is the first adult soccer tournament of this caliber in Hampton Roads. Last year, 42 teams competed in eight divisions. The roster continues to expand in 1999 as more than 50 teams from New York to Florida and Mexico are expected to participate in this exciting event.

The Neptune Soccer Classic, sponsored by Fruitwicks, will be played at the Hampton Roads Soccer Complex, a 19-field complex located behind the GTE Amphitheater. In addition to the Neptune Festival, the event is hosted by the Southeastern Virginia Women's Soccer Association (SEVWSA) and the area's men's leagues. Currently, SEVWSA has 10 teams and the men's leagues include 18 teams in the "Over Thirties" league and 30 teams in the Southside "Men's Open" league. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Hampton Roads Soccer Complex and men and women's soccer in the area.

For more information on the 1999 Neptune Soccer Classic, call tournament director Maureen Shea,



FANS GET THEIR KICKS. The Neptune Festival Soccer Classic returns to Virginia Beach for another "kicking" year.

SOCCER CLASSIC

When: Sept. 4-5, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

Where: Hampton Roads Soccer Complex, Princess Anne Park.

460-6321 or visit their website, www.neptunesoccer.com.

The 1999 Virginia Beach Neptune Festival, Neptune's Festival Brazil, will explode on the oceanfront Sept. 24-26, when "Boardwalk Weekend" gets into full swing with a full schedule of free events and activities for all ages and interests.

This year's activities include sporting events, arts and crafts shows, concerts, fireworks and the crowd favorite, the North American

Sandsculpting Championship. Throughout September, in addition to the Neptune Soccer Classic, other Neptune Festival events include the popular Neptune Festival Airshow at Oceana, the third annual Neptune Wine Tasting, Neptune's Sandman Triathlon and new for this year, The King's Walk, a benefit walkathon.

The Virginia Beach Neptune Festival is produced by a private non-profit organization which is directed by a volunteer Board of Directors. Support and funding for the Neptune Festival comes from the community at large and corporate sponsorships. The 1999 Virginia Beach Neptune Festival is being presented by Professional Hospitality Resources, Gold Key Resorts, Farm Fresh and Cox Communications.

HEALTH TIPS

■ Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital will hold a Resolve Through Sharing Support Group meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the hospital's West Wing Conference Room.

For more information call, 395-8292.

■ Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital will hold a Breast Cancer Support Group meeting on Monday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Health Education Center, located across from the hospital's Emergency Department.

This free service for breast cancer patients offers both educational and emotional support. The support group meets on the second Monday of every month.

For more information call, 395-8686.

■ Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital will hold a Cancer Support Group meeting on Monday, Sept. 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Health Education Center, located across from the hospital's Emergency Department.

This free service for cancer patients and their families offers both educational and emotional support. The support group meets on the third Monday of every month.

For more information call, 395-8686.

■ The Diabetes Center at Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital will hold a support group meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 21 from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Health Education Center, located across from the hospital's Emergency Department.

For more information call, 395-8836.

CARE plans day to honor kids this Saturday

Youth Appreciation Day: A Salute to Children will be held Saturday, Aug. 21 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Princess Anne Park, Princess Anne and Dam Neck roads in Virginia Beach.

Hosted by the city's CARE (Community Action Resource Empowerment) program, this event will include carnival rides and carnival type activities, mascots, face painting, games, prizes, arts and crafts, displays, entertainment and demonstrations.

Sports events, such as basketball and speed pitch, will be part of the festivities. Live music will be provided by Seed, a local band, and a disc jockey. Many of these activities will go on simultaneously, so participants will have a variety of choices.

There is no admission and everyone is invited. Free T-shirts will be given to the first 500 kids. A \$2 pass for unlimited carnival rides will be for sale, and carnival games are 25 cents each.

For more information contact Joyce Goffigan, 437-7575.

Sierra Club plans busy September

The Sierra Club will feature backpacking at its meeting on Monday, Sept. 13 at the Virginia Beach Central Library at 7 p.m.

Also, the club will host a canoeing trip on Saturday, Sept. 18 at York River State Park at 9 a.m. Bring water and a snack. Call 467-2775 about carpooling.

Finally, join the Sierra Club for a hike at First Landing Seashore State Park on Saturday, Sept. 25. Meet at the visitor's center at 10 a.m. Call 464-4483.

Mlata fans meet

The newly-formed Hampton Roads Mazda Mlata Club will hold its second meeting on Thursday, Aug. 26 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Hall Mazda, 4372 Holland Road in Virginia Beach. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information call Marty Goldfarb, 495-8730 or Susan Creech, 625-2518.

Why doesn't Beach have a no-kill shelter

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sary. However, there are several simple, but very important things, that can be done to help reduce overpopulation and euthanasia.

By adopting from your local animal shelter, animal control or rescue league you are giving an animal a second chance. In turn you are challenging pet stores and mass breeders, who only view animals as money making ventures.

Spaying or neutering your pet is one of the most responsible things you could do as a pet owner. By doing this, you are personally insuring that no more unwanted animals will be born into this world that might face an ill fate.

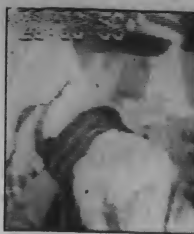
Making sure your pet's bill of health is up to date and that your pet is wearing proper identification are just as important. A third of the

animals turned into the VBSPCA are stray and not wearing any form of identification.

If they had been, they could have been returned to their families.

It is safe to say that all legitimate animal shelters want to reduce the amount of unwanted animals, however as animal expert, Rhonda Lucas Donald from the magazine, *Shelter Sense* accurately puts it, "The conflict between 'kill' and 'no-kill' philosophies really boils down to who accepts the responsibility for having to destroy animals."

Erinn McGuire is a rising senior at Queens College in Charlotte, N.C. and is a current intern for the Virginia Beach SPCA. Earlier in the year she interned for the Humane Society of Charlotte.



Suspect

Police seek suspect in Wal-Mart robbery

Virginia Beach robbery investigators are asking for your assistance in solving an armed robbery that occurred on Sunday, July 4.



Crime Solvers

By Det. Jimmy Barnes, Virginia Beach Police Department

days after entry of this order of publication.

And it is further ORDERED that this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in this City prescribed by this court.

Date: August 11, 1999
J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK
By Valerie B. Haizlip, Deputy Clerk

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
1345 Eagle Avenue
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Michael A. Clark and Janice M. Savage-Clark dated June 26, 1996 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3633, page 0093, securing a loan which was originally \$96,200.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on September 3, 1999 at 8:04 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 49, in Block A, as shown on the plat GREEN RUN Subdivision P.U.D., Section A-3, Part 3. Tax Map #1485-56-3036-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$9,400.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
709 Lord Byron Drive
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Marshall W. Stokes, III and Dawn L. Stokes dated January 12, 1994 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3353, page 1039, securing a loan which was originally \$73,200.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on August 27, 1999 at 8:04 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 2, in Block 9, as shown on the plat of Windsor Oaks West Subdivision, Section 5-1. Tax Map #1486-06-2360-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$6,900.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
719 10th Street
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Dana Paul Weathers and Judith A. Weathers dated September 24, 1993 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3278, page 928, securing a loan which was originally \$78,500.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on September 3, 1999 at 8:03 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 19 and 21 in Block 52, Shadowlawn Heights in the City of Virginia Beach, VA. Tax Map #2417-94-6038-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$7,300.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA.

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Substitute Trustees
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Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
1112 Valley Stream Court
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from John Van Orden, II and Shirlene K. Van Orden dated May 30, 1986 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 2509, page 103, securing a loan which was originally \$93,900.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on August 27, 1999 at 8:04 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 14, Block A, as shown on the plat of Indian Lakes Subdivision, Section B-1. Tax Map #1465-79-2601-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$8,100.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
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Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Virginia Beach Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, September 8, 1999 at 12:00 Noon in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Princess Anne Court-house, Virginia Beach, Virginia. A briefing session will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall Building. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION IS NOT A FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION. BUT ONLY A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL AS THE VIEWPOINT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION IS TO BE MADE BY CITY COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE. AFTER PUBLIC NOTICE IN A NEWSPAPER HAVING GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE CITY.

THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE PUBLIC HEARING SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT, FOR REASONS THE PLANNING COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE, CERTAIN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE HEARD OUT OF ORDER AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE ASSUMED THAT THE ORDER LISTED BELOW WILL BE EXACTLY FOLLOWED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

The staff reviews of some or all of the items on this agenda suggest that certain conditions be attached to approval by City Council. However, it should not be assumed that those conditions constitute all the conditions that will ultimately be attached to the project. Staff agencies may impose further conditions and requirements during administration of applicable city ordinances.

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:

1. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for South Hampton Roads Habitat for Humanity, Inc. Property is located on the west side of N. Lynnhaven Road, 98 feet north of Congress Street (GPIN #1487-89-8038). DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

2. An Ordinance upon Application of Chinese Community Association of Hampton Roads, Inc., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-7.5 Residential District to Conditional B-1 Neighborhood Business District for a certain property located on the east side of Newtown Road beginning at a point 450 feet more or less north of Daniel Smith Road (GPIN #1468-41-4346, #1468-42-3028). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-1 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential/low density at densities that are compatible with single family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 41,382 square feet. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE.

3. An Ordinance upon Application of RADDD, LLC, a Virginia limited liability company for a Change of Zoning District Classification from Conditional B-1A Limited Community Business District to Conditional B-1A Limited Community Business District with modified proffers on certain property located on the west side of General Booth Boulevard, 150 feet more or less north of Ferrell Parkway (GPIN #2414-05-5571). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-1A is for neighborhood commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for retail, office and other uses compatible with residential areas in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 1.4 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Alexandria Place, L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-5D Residential Duplex District to A-12 Apartment District on certain property located on the north side of Lynnhaven Parkway beginning at a point 200 feet or less west of Monument Drive. The proposed zoning classification change to A-12 is for multi-family land use at a density no greater than 12 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential/medium and high densities that are compatible with multi-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 1.73 acres (GPIN #1454-87-3083). DISTRICT 1 - CENTREVILLE.

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Chris Etel for a Change of Zoning District Classification from A-12 Apartment District to R-7.5 Residential District on the west side of Pacific Avenue, 50 feet north of 35th Street (GPIN #2418-93-8549). The proposed zoning classification change to R-7.5 is for resort tourist related land uses. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for resort uses including lodging, retail, entertainment and other plan policies. Said parcel is located at 3502 Pacific Avenue and contains 6,250 square feet. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

MODIFICATION TO LAND USE PLAN:

6. An Ordinance upon Application of Spirit House Inc., for a modification to the Green Run Land Use Plan to allow a group home on certain property located on the east side of Pecan Court, south of Primrose Lane (GPIN #1485-77-5378). Said parcel is located at 1435 Pecan Court and contains 9,120 square feet more or less. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

7. An Ordinance upon Application of The City of Refuge Christian Church of Virginia for a Conditional Use Permit for a church on certain property located on the east side of Princess Anne Road, 745 feet more or less south of Gum Bridge Road (GPIN #2401-95-5408). Said parcel is located at 1344 Princess Anne Road and contains 2,657 square feet. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

8. An Ordinance upon Application of Nextel Communications, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a wireless communication facility located at the eastern extremity of Rosemont Road at its intersection with Dam Neck Road (GPIN #1495-01-2832). Said parcel contains 2.154 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

9. An Ordinance upon Application of David P. Maher - Motor Sports Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle sales and repair on Lots 12 and 13, Block 11 on Lot A, Block 11 (GPIN #2407-84-3979, #2407-84-3955, #2407-84-4902). Said parcel is located at 1680 Indiana Avenue and contains 12,642 square feet. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

10. An Ordinance upon Application of The Potter's House Christian Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a church at the southeast corner of Holland Road and Diana Lee Drive (GPIN #1486-73-7186). Said parcel is located at 3452 Holland Road and contains 3.119 acres. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL.

MODIFICATION OF CONDITIONS:

11. Application of Robert L. Nelson (West Landing Marina) for the modification of conditions placed on the application for a conditional use permit for a boat storage facility and a commercial marina on October 14, 1997. Property is located at 2748 West Landing Road. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

12. Application of Tidewater Automobile Association of Virginia, Inc., for a modification of conditions placed on the application for a rezoning from A-1 to B-2 and a conditional use permit for motor vehicle sales and rental and related repair and service facilities on July 14, 1996. Property is located at 5366 Virginia Beach Boulevard. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE.

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 8/11/99:

13. An Ordinance upon Application of RA Development Company, L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-10 Residential District and O-1 Office District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on certain property located at the southwest corner of Diamond Springs Road and Wesleyan Drive (GPIN #1468-34-6987, #1468-35-2141). The proposed zoning classification change of Conditional B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential/low density at densities that are compatible with single family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 3.17 acres. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE.

14. An Ordinance upon Application of Rick E. Burnell/Commercial Investment Properties, L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from A-12 Apartment District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on certain property located at the southwest intersection of N. Birdneck Road and American Avenue (GPIN #2417-56-2566, #2417-56-3651, #2417-56-4495, #2417-56-5681). Said parcel contains 1.95 acres. DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN.

15. An Ordinance upon Application of Eric Fox for a Conditional Use Permit for a noncommercial pier on certain property located on the south side of N. Woodhouse Road at the intersection with Cherry Lane (GPIN #2408-89-4389). Said parcel contains 16,688 square feet. DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN.

16. An Ordinance upon Application of Triangle Rent-A-Car, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a automobile rental facility on the south side of Virginia Beach Boulevard, east of Fair Meadows Road (GPIN #1467-37-9683). Said parcel is located at 5501 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 40,911.5 square feet. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE.

17. An Ordinance upon Application of The City of Virginia Beach, Virginia to amend the Comprehensive Plan appendix to adopt design guidelines for retail establishments, large, and to adopt a policy governing traffic impact studies.

18. An Ordinance upon Application of The City of Virginia Beach, Virginia to amend Section 111 of the City Zoning Ordinance to establish the definition of "retail establishment, large."

19. An Ordinance upon Application of The City of Virginia Beach, Virginia to amend the City Zoning Ordinance by adding Section 240.1 to establish submittal requirements for large retail establishments and set forth standards for the granting or denial of conditional use permits for such use.

20. An Ordinance upon Application of The City of Virginia Beach, Virginia to amend Section 901 of the City Zoning Ordinance to establish retail establishments, large, as a conditional use in the B-2 Community Business and B-3 Central Business Districts, eliminating such use in the B-1 Neighborhood Business District, the B-1A Limited Community Business District, the B-3A Pembroke Central Business Core District and the B-4 Resort Commercial District.

21. An Ordinance upon Application of The City of Virginia Beach, Virginia to amend Section 901 of the City Zoning Ordinance to establish retail establishments, large, as a conditional use in the B-2 Community Business and B-3 Central Business Districts, eliminating such use in the B-1 Neighborhood Business District, the B-1A Limited Community Business District, the B-3A Pembroke Central Business Core District and the B-4 Resort Commercial District.

22. An Ordinance upon Application of The City of Virginia Beach, Virginia to amend Section 111 of the City Zoning Ordinance to define "parking garages."

23. An Ordinance upon Application of The City of Virginia Beach, Virginia to add Section 239.03 to establish submittal requirements for parking garages and set forth standards for the granting or denial of conditional use permits for such use.

24. An Ordinance upon Application of The City of Virginia Beach, Virginia to amend Sections 6011, 7011, 801, 901, 1001, 1501, 1511, 1521 and 1531, establishing parking garages as a conditional use in the Apartment Districts, Hotel District, Office District, Business District, Industrial Districts, the RT-1 Resort Tourist District, the RT-2 Resort Tourist District, the RT-3 Resort Tourist District, and the RT-4 Resort Tourist District.

25. An Ordinance upon Application of The City of Virginia Beach, Virginia to amend the Comprehensive Plan appendix to adopt design guidelines for parking garages.

26. Application of Lee and Denise Barnes for the modification of recorded proffers for the application for a change of zoning from R-10 to Conditional B-2 for Joseph Overholt, Trustee David Overholt Trust on July 1, 1997. Said property is located at 1639 Salem Road (GPIN #175-84-2959). DISTRICT 1 - CENTREVILLE.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Robert J. Scott
Planning Director

Copies of the proposed ordinances, resolutions and amendments are on file and may be examined in the Department of Planning. For Information call 427-4621.

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303, TDD: 427-4305, call: TDD only at 427-4305, (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf).

The Planning Commission Agenda is available on the City's Internet Home Page on the Thursday prior to each regularly scheduled meeting at www.virginia-beach.va.us/cityhall/planning/Board%20agenda.htm

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AAUW plans Sept. meeting

The Virginia Beach Branch of the American Association of University Women will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 15, at 7 p.m. in the North Dining Room of Sentara Bayside Hospital on Independence Blvd.

A member discussion and participation program will be presented on promoting the goals of equity for women, education, self-development, and positive societal change. Potential members who are graduates of four year colleges or universities or are currently enrolled as full time undergraduate students are invited to attend. Call 467-2270 for information.

Bicyclists host meeting, video

The next meeting of the Tidewater Bicycle Association on Wednesday, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Virginia Beach Central Library will feature slides of a Florida to Virginia Beach Bicycle trip. Call 497-5143.

Also, join the Tidewater Bicycle Association for a variety of bike rides and a \$3 picnic on Sunday, Sept. 5 at Munden Point Park. Call John, 497-5143, to make reservations. Helmets are required.

LEGAL NOTICES

VIRGINIA: IN THE VIRGINIA BEACH CIRCUIT COURT CLERKS OFFICE

IN RE: Thomas J. Apgar, 458-23-5423, Plaintiff v.
Dana E. Apgar, 218-86-8023, Defendant

Case No. CH99-1844
ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is for Divorce A Vinculo Matrimonii upon the grounds of having lived separate & apart without any cohabitation & without any interruption for over one year.

It is ORDERED that Dana E. Apgar appear and protect her interest, on or before October 4, 1999, which date is no sooner than fifty



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Dolphin watcher extraordinaire

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winning multimedia show recognized by the Advertising Federation.

"With the wildlife it was just a question of branching out," said Maratea.

In his second summer shooting dolphin pictures, he's learned a lot about the creatures.

"Sometimes you can track them because of the motion — anticipate where they'll come up out of the water. You can also anticipate some activity when they're splashing around. Some of the interpreters term it 'adult activity.' When that happens, quite often one or two possibly will breach," said Maratea.

His admiration for the animals is obvious.

"They're so beautiful and so streamlined, even the form and texture that they make with the water."

Right now Maratea is working on a dolphin exhibit for the museum, but his photography has another purpose. Many of his photographs will help the museum with its identification project. By record key markings on the dolphins, such as variations on the dorsal fins, the museum can name and keep track of the curious creatures.

His works are also used during training sessions to familiarize staff and volunteers with dolphin habits.

Maratea's favorite vantage

point is on the roof atop Miss Virginia Beach, just beside the cabin with Capt. Pete Dunston at the helm.

"I don't bother the customers and I'm not in their way — I can take better pictures," he said. "I don't bother them and they don't bother me."

Fortunately, he smiled, "Pete has much better eyes than I do and will pick them up a lot faster than I do."

Good equipment helps, too. It pays to have a lens that will offer a stable picture when the boat is pitching back and forth.

Plus, he enjoys the work.

"People pay good money to go out on these trips, and I'm getting to do it all the time," he mused. "And it keeps me off the streets."



EN GUARD. Re-enactors enjoy a little sword play during the Medieval Festival held at the Lynnhaven House over the weekend.

Modern day kids visit medieval days

By Ellice Church
Correspondent

A few minutes from the Virginia Beach oceanfront, some Hampton Roads residents spent the weekend taking a jaunt back in time to the 1700s and the Middle Ages.

The Medieval Festival, hosted by the historic Lynnhaven House last weekend, provided visitors with a glimpse into rural life in Virginia during the 1700s and daily life during different periods of the Middle Ages.

The Lynnhaven House, built in 1725 near the Lynnhaven River and the Chesapeake Bay, served as the second home to the Thelabab family who had previously built a plantation in the Norfolk area.

The home was later occupied by the family of former Revolutionary War soldier William Boush. His son, Samuel, would later become the first mayor of Norfolk. Both men are buried in a small graveyard behind the house.

In the 1920s, William Oliver purchased the Lynnhaven House and some of the surrounding property for farming. His descendants occupied the property until the 1960s. In 1971, in accordance with Oliver's wishes, his children gave the house to the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities. The organization began restoring the house which opened to the public in 1976.

"Researching is my passion."

Linda Rice,
re-enactor

"One of the things that makes the house unique, in my opinion, is that it is between 80 percent and 85 percent original," said Shirley Bueche, Administrator of the Lynnhaven House. "This is in part because the house was inhabited until the 1960s."

Bueche said another characteristic that made the home unique is its representation of the emerging middle class.

"The family would have been more educated and had more money than many people in Virginia," Bueche said. "We can tell this by the choice of brick as the building material and from the original windows in the home."

Even though it was inhabited until the 1960s, the house never had running water or electricity. Inside the home, guests learned how 18th century Virginians lived by examining a variety of topics including cooking and diet, entertainment and clothing.

Events of the day included a visit from Benjamin Franklin, played by Meyer Chovitz, who has also been a docent at the Lynnhaven House for five years.

"I've always loved history and children so when I retired I wanted to give back and this seemed like the perfect opportunity," Chovitz said.

Chovitz chose to represent Ben Franklin because the inventor and statesman was always a hero to him.

"He was a brilliant man who supported great causes," Chovitz said. "The idea that he founded a new country always made me feel wonderful."

Robert Guthrie brought his three

grandchildren to the Medieval Festival at the Lynnhaven House. The tour they made of the historic site was one stop on a visit of historic houses in Hampton Roads and Virginia.

"I brought the children to teach them about the past but also because I like to see their amazement at how methods used to do things were different during that time," Guthrie said.

Each of the children liked different parts of the house, as well as the display by the Virginia Medieval Arts Association.

"I like learning about stuff back then," said 9-year-old Stephen Jameson who had read about the Colonial era for school and his own entertainment.

"My favorite parts of the house were the cards they used to play with, the antiques and the staircase," Stephen said.

Bueche said the staircase, which is original except for two balusters, was discovered during the restoration behind a plaster wall built in the house during the 1840s.

"I liked the 'Bible box,' the antique chairs and the floors," said 6-year-old Megan Jameson.

Her brother, Ryan Jameson, also liked the Bible box but said he liked seeing the swords displayed by the Virginia Medieval Arts Association.

"I liked reading books about knights," the 8-year-old said. "I also liked the swords and shields they used to fight with."

Visitors to the Medieval Festival were able to see swords and shields, armor, as well as eating utensils used during the Middle Ages and if visitors arrived at the right time they could see a sword fighting display.

The Virginia Medieval Arts Association re-enacts the life and times of typical persons in different times and places during the Middle Ages.

Linda Rice, who has been involved with re-enacting and researching the Middle Ages since she was 15 said the ideals of chivalry and honor had always been a point of interest.

"Researching is my passion," Rice said. "The real story is more interesting than the Hollywood version. The process they used to do things is fascinating because you ask one question and it leads to so many others."

Miriam Millen said the Medieval display is what encouraged her to come to the event. She said the people in the organization were "very informative, involved and interesting."

"I spent a lot of time talking about the roles of women during the different eras represented," Millen said.

Millen explained how Viking women owned their own property and were educated while women living in England during the thirteenth century were not able to own property and mainly attended to affairs of the household.

"I enjoy seeing how people lived," Millen said. "I'm fascinated by history and what has brought us to where we are today."

If you would like information on events or programs at the Lynnhaven House call, 481-2145. If you would like additional information about Medieval events sponsored by the Virginia Medieval Arts Association call, 420-5439.

Summer

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David Swoope. "The land's low enough here that we've still got some groundwater left. I don't know how those people up on the ridge are making it."

Although the summer produce season is winding down now, there's still some sweet corn left at local stands. "The sweet corn still is doing good," said Robert Vaughan, who has a produce stand on Princess Ann Road near the intersection with Vaughan Road. "I'm surprised it's lasted this long. We started with it July 4, and we're still going."

"I started cutting corn June 26, and I've cut every day," Davis said. "There's also been a bumper crop of peaches this year, and Davis said that he doesn't know how to explain either the quality or quantity of this year's crop. It could be the mild winter, or it could be that the rain came just at the right time, or that the later varieties of peaches came too late to be affected by the cool spring."

This summer's weather, the produce farmers say, has been at worst a mixed blessing. Virginia Beach produce farmers have escaped the worst of the drought that plagued inland Virginia this year.

Or, it could be just plain luck. "I have no idea," Davis said.

Swoope, who raises blueberries, figs, and produce for sale at his Gum Bridge Road home, agreed that this year's been pretty good for sweet corn. Wind tides from strong south winds in June killed the Swoopes' squash crop, but the blueberries have been the biggest disappointment this summer.

Swoope and his wife, Juanita, who run Back Bay Blueberries, say that their blueberry field's already closed for the season.

"We only had 24 days with blueberries this year," he said, "and we usually have 45, so that's about half a season."

While the birds also attacked, and ate, a great deal of his blueberry crop, the weather was the real kicker.

Robert Burns, who runs Pungo Blueberries on Muddy Creek Road, also said that this season's winding down. "The blueberries are on their last legs," he said, although he hopes to remain open at least through this weekend.

An underground irrigation system has helped the berries some, but even that hasn't been enough to provide them with all of the water they need this summer. Burns added, still, the biggest problem with this year's crop dates back a year, when Hurricane Bonnie ripped through their fields last August.

"Hurricane Bonnie damaged our trees," he said. "It took quite a few young buds off on the east side."

Late summer is fig season, and Swoopes says that this year's crop is abundant and sweet. "The figs are coming in now," he said. "They're not as big as they should be because it's so dry, but they still taste the same."

Tomatoes, peppers, squash and other summer vegetables are still available at most local stands. But while this summer's weather hasn't spelled disaster for the produce farmer, grain farmers are hurting, Vaughan said.

"The stands are doing OK," Vaughan said, "but the regular farmer (those who grow field corn, wheat and soybeans) are hurting due to this year's combination of low grain prices and dry weather."

"The soybeans look like they might do OK," he said, but low market prices are cutting into the profits.

"Wheat is down to \$1.90 a bushel," said Vaughan, who added that, in prior years, prices have been as high as \$4 per bushel.

"This farm's been in our family for 300 years, but this (low prices) is killing us."

Figs, the last summer fruit, will be available for awhile yet. And when summer ends, fall can't be far behind. Fall vegetables, pumpkins, and apples will soon be appearing along the roadside or on the pick-your-own farms.

"I plan to start selling apples this week," Davis said.



FROLICKING DOLPHIN. Ronn Maratea captured this image of a dolphin at play during one of his expeditions with the Virginia Marine Science Museum.

Coach addresses Neptune breakfast

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Neptune Festival that our community has a spiritual base in addition to the many natural and man made features the festival itself celebrates."

Stallings is one of the legendary coach Paul "Bear" Bryant's favorite coaching sons. He was named Alabama's 22nd head football coach in January, 1990. In seven years, he directed the Crimson Tide to one National Championship (1992), four SEC Western Division titles (1992, 1993, 1994 and 1996) and six post-season bowl appearances. His on-the-field coaching record of 70-16-1, is fourth in Alabama history.

Stallings, known for his outstanding coaching career, is also known for his emotional resignation from Alabama at the conclusion of the 1996 season.

He resigned, in part, to enable him to spend more time with his son, John Mark Stallings, now 37, who was born with Down Syndrome.

From an early age, "Johnny" found his niche as an unofficial member of the teams Stallings coached. Whether imitating their moves on the fields or playing cards with them, Johnny's presence brought something special to every

PRAYER BREAKFAST

When: Tuesday, Sept 14, 7 to 9 a.m.

Where: The Founders Inn, Virginia Beach.

How much: Individual tickets: \$20 each, tables of 10 \$200. Information: Call the Neptune Festival office, 498-0215 for ticket information.

team member with the simple message to do his best with what he had. Ultimately, as much as Johnny brought to Coach Stallings and his teams, it was because of him that Stallings made the difficult decision to give up his remarkable coaching career. Like a third of the children born with Down Syndrome, Johnny suffers from a cardiac defect that was beginning to affect his ability to keep up the pace of the hectic football seasons. Stallings also feared that the stress of the game was beginning to take its toll on his son. "He would cry hard when the team lost, and he was just walking more slowly," says Stallings, "and well, it just seemed the right time."

Today, in addition to being a partner in Tuscaloosa's three-year-old Stallings Center, which ministers to 100 children under the age

of 5 with disabilities that include cerebral palsy and Down Syndrome, Stallings and Johnny spend most of their time together on the 600-acre Texas cattle ranch the family bought back in 1969.

In 1997, Stallings published "Another Season: A coach's story of raising an exceptional son," which he wrote with Sally Cook of the Associated Press. He currently lives in Texas with his wife Ruth Ann and Johnny. The Stallings have five grown children including four daughters, Anna Lee, Laurie, Jacklyn and Martha Kate.

The 1999 Virginia Beach Neptune Festival, Neptune's Festival Brazil, will explode on the oceanfront Sept. 24-26, 1999 when "Boardwalk Weekend" gets into full swing with a full schedule of free events and activities for all ages and interests.

This year's activities include sporting events, arts and crafts shows, concerts, fireworks and the crowd favorite, the North American Sand Sculpting Championship. Throughout September, other Neptune Festival events include the popular Neptune Festival Airshow at Oceana, the third annual Neptune Wine Tasting, Neptune's Sandman Triathlon and new for this year, The King's Walk, a benefit walkathon.

Kickboxing comes to Pavilion

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wrestling," Blackhawk said. "People have forgotten that when you put on a fight, it's all about entertainment. We have to compete against theatre and movies."

To recreate the raucous atmosphere of pro wrestling, live music will be provided by the band, "Black White and Blues." There will be a light show and fog. And there will be other fights as well.

The Hampton Roads Women's Championship pitting Mariligh "Rattlesnake" Richards against Chiquie Pratt will go four rounds, as will the East Coast Championship sending David Cynar into the ring to face Robert Midgett. Several other non-title bouts are scheduled, as well.

"If you've ever gone to a wrestling match, the place is packed," Clark said. "You go to a boxing match and there are 800 empty seats. I think it would be

FIGHT DETAILS

What: World Tag-Team Kickboxing Championship.

When: Aug. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Where: Virginia Beach Pavilion.

Cost: General admission \$20. For more information call 437-4774.

nothing but a good thing to be compared to wrestling."

All proceeds benefit the Blackhawk Foundation, a non-profit organization which offers activities for area youth.

Tickets are available at the Pavilion box office at 437-7600; the Blackhawk Martial Arts Center at 234 North Battlefield Blvd.; Curtis Bush Karate; Craig Smith Karate; Ryoshin-Kan Karate and East Coast Gym.

For tickets and information call the Blackhawk Foundation, 548-9550.



KICK IT. Clerk Walters is ready for the competition tonight at the Virginia Beach Pavilion.

Encore, encore!

The Encore Players will present the delightfully funny musical "Sister Amnesia's Country Western Nonsense Jamboree," the third installment of Dan Goggin's tales about the nuns from Mount St. Helen's Convent in Hoboken, N.J. It's a foot-stomping, hand-clapping, knee-slapping, whistle-blowing, jaw-dropping musical comedy that is sure to please.

Performances will be held Sept. 10-11 at 8 p.m. with matinees on Sept. 11 at 1 p.m. and Sept. 12 at 3 p.m. at the Naval Amphibious Base Theater, Little Creek.

Ticket prices are \$8 for adults and \$5 for seniors. Tickets are available at the theater box office before each show and advance tickets are available at the ITT Office at the Naval Amphibious Base. All performances are open to the general public through Gate 5 at Shore Drive and Independence Boulevard.

Call 460-5152 for reservations and information or 462-7793 about advance tickets for reserve seating.

Music, wit and wine

Come and enjoy a taste of music, wit and wine at the Lynnhaven House Sunday, Sept. 19 at 2 p.m. The versatile Doorway Singers will present a program rich in Colonial music and humor. Refreshments served by costumed docents, will continue the Colonial Virginia theme with wine and food typical of the period. Guests also will have an opportunity to better understand the life and times of the people of Colonial Virginia through a tour of the house. Admission is \$6 and reservations are needed. Call 456-0351 or 481-2145.

The Lynnhaven House is located at 4405 Wishart Rd.

Sampler exhibit

The Tidewater Sampler Guild's ninth annual juried sampler exhibit will open on Tuesday, Aug. 31 and continue through Friday, Oct. 1 at the historic Francis Land House in Virginia Beach. The exhibit will consist of traditional samplers stitched by members of the guild.

The samplers will be judged in several categories. Proficiency in fancy stitchery was a part of every 18th-century lady's life. Come and see how the members of the Tidewater Sampler Guild have kept this timeless tradition alive.

This exhibit is included in the regular admission price of \$3.50 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens (60 plus), \$2.50 for students (13 plus) and \$2 for children (6 to 12) and is open during regular museum hours, Tuesday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Boating course

A Boating Skills and Seamanship course for power boaters, including PWC operation, is available. Given by Flotilla 57 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, it will be offered from Sept. 14 to Oct. 19, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at First Colonial High School. Cost is \$7 registration and \$25 for textbook on the first night of class. Course qualifies as a Safe Boating Course in Virginia. Call Lu Hill, 481-6762, or Jerry Rogoff, 473-9080, for more information.

Commission meets

The Virginia Beach Human Rights Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Sept. 2 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Human Resources Department Conference Room 125, Virginia Beach Municipal Center, Building 18. The public is invited to attend these monthly meetings. If you wish to speak before the commission call Human Resources, 427-8374 or 427-8383 to sign up in advance. Each person will be given 10 minutes to address the commission on human rights issues in Virginia Beach.

Anger training

Catholic Charities is offering a four-session series to help identify the way we experience anger, how we learn to express it and effective ways to manage it. Beginning Wednesday, Sept. 1 and the next three Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. Sessions will be held at the Virginia Beach office of CCHR, 4855 Princess Anne Rd. Call 467-7707 to pre-register. Fee is \$40 for all four sessions.

Free movie

Warner Bros. Pictures presents "Space Jam" on the big screen under the stars, and it's free, Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation invites everyone to Family Movie Night on Friday, Sept. 10 at Mount Trashmore Park from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Movie snacks and refreshments will be for sale and parking is free and on-site.

For more information call, 471-5884.

Ferrell Parkway proposal could offer up to \$4 million in savings

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

A proposed cost participation agreement on the construction of part of Ferrell Parkway includes the dedication of 1,800 more feet of right-of-way by the developer to the city than was previously expected.

The total dedication of 8,500 feet of right-of-way, 110 feet wide, would save the city approximately \$9.9 million in the cost of land acquisition, according to Clarence Warnstaff, public utilities/public works director.

Warnstaff, who discussed the agreement at a City Council workshop Tuesday, said that after considering what the developer would be required to do in any event, the savings to the city on the pro-

ject would be between \$2.7 and \$4 million.

Also, he said, the project would be done sooner than would be possible under the city's road plan.

The stretch of Ferrell Parkway under consideration extends from General Booth Boulevard to Upton Drive where it would be a four-lane divided controlled access roadway with a scenic buffer and bike path and a four-lane undivided roadway on Upton Drive between Ferrell Parkway and Warner Hall Drive.

The highway would serve a shopping center bounded by Ferrell Parkway, Upton Drive, Elson Green Avenue and Newstead Drive which, Planning Director Robert Scott said, would be halfway between Lynnhaven Mall and Pembroke

Mall in size.

The property includes approximately 124 acres which Lakeside Construction Corporation has under contract to purchase.

City Council, however has made no decision on whether to go ahead with the project by accepting the agreement, to keep it under the city's road plan schedule which would push the project at least six years back or to go another route. Some interest has been expressed for widening the present Sandbridge Road instead.

Eric Anderson, manager for Lake Gem LLC, (Reasor Enterprises) the developer, said that he hoped a decision would be made by council next month.

Warnstaff said that the partnership presents the city with an opportunity to

have the developer dedicate the right-of-way and to build part of the roadway, extend Upton Drive and provide road connections for the Red Mill and Fox Chase subdivisions as well.

Under the plan, the city would add a two-lane extension between Warner Hall Drive and the existing four-lane roadway, and a four-lane divided controlled access roadway with a scenic buffer and bike path would be constructed between Ferrell Parkway and Princess Anne Road/Sandbridge Road.

The intersection with Princess Anne Road/Sandbridge Road would include a free-flow right-turn lane onto Upton Drive north of Sandbridge Road and

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Felty gets nod as top elementary principal

By Victoria Hecht
Editor

Even after 29 years in the education field, Dr. Caryl Felty's stomach still gets those pre-back-to-school butterflies when Labor Day rolls around.

She just can't wait for those "peanut butter and jelly" hugs around her waist from children she hasn't seen since June.

Perhaps that attitude is part of the reason this seasoned educator was named 1999-2000 Principal of the Year by the Virginia Beach Association of Elementary School Principals. It's the first time the group has bestowed the honor.

Entering her sixth year as principal of Thalia Elementary, Felty was selected from an initial pool of 54 principals.

"I was shocked. My peer group has such outstanding people that hardly a

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TOP PRINCIPAL: Dr. Caryl Felty, principal of Thalia Elementary, pauses to hug Sam, the school's mascot eagle.

Little anglers cast their lines

Kids Fishing Day, mentors team to offer experience

By Stephanie Mojica
Correspondent

On a sunny, summer morning at Lynnhaven Fishing Pier, many children saw the ocean for the first time.

Nearly 250 needy children from across Hampton Roads were introduced to the world of fishing at Kids Fishing Day, held last week at the pier.

The event, sponsored by Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) and the South Hampton Roads Alliance For Youth (SHRAY), featured an orientation, mentors for groups of children and a fishing rod and tackle for each participating child.

The children, most of them between ages 9 and 13, were selected from Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCAs and parks and recreation centers. Many of these children had never been fishing before or seen a pier or the ocean.

"Kids Fishing Day gives these boys and girls a great summer experience," said SHRAY coordinator Sandy Bond, "while also teaching them about the marine environment and helping them develop a new skill."

The event was manned by nearly 70 volunteers, who did everything from teaching workshops to signing children in.

"It went so well and the kids had a blast," said Bond. "The kids really enjoyed fishing and were so excited to be given rods, reels, hats and suntan lotion. They really benefited from the mentors and we had so many wonderful volunteers."

"When the tide started coming in around 11 a.m., the children really started to catch fish. One caught a ray and another caught a flounder that was more than a foot long."

Roger Rodgers, a Virginia Beach fisherman, along with Richard Welton, executive director of CCA Virginia, were instrumental in pulling the event together.

According to Rodgers, this was the



Photo by Stephanie Mojica

CAST YOUR LINES. Volunteers gave their time to children from the Boys and Girls Clubs of South Hampton Roads during Kids Fishing Day at Lynnhaven Pier in Virginia Beach.

first year SHRAY and VOLUNTEER Hampton Roads were involved in Kids Fishing Day. The idea of taking kids fishing was born more than 12 years ago.

"When the state was involved in fishing tournaments, part of the program would be to take about 50 kids out fishing on the Wednesday before the weekend tournament," said Rodgers.

"After the state got out of the tournaments, some Norfolk Jaycees and I would still take kids fishing, and Richard Welton would give us \$100

for bait."

Rodgers was told more than a year ago that revenue from saltwater fishing licenses was available. He proposed the Virginia Marine Resources Commission give money to purchase fishing rods for needy children. The effort received \$6,000 from the organization.

"We wanted the kids we took fishing to be able to take their rods and reels home so a parent or relative could take

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100,000 ready to jam at oceanfront



I LOVE BEACH MUSIC. Beach Boys music, that is. The boys of summer are one of the headline acts during the American Music Festival.

The Beach Boys, Randy Travis among featured acts at American Music Fest

By Stephanie Mojica
Correspondent

More than 100,000 people are anticipated to attend one or more performances during Labor Day weekend's American Music Festival at the oceanfront.

The festival, Thursday, Aug. 2 through Monday, Aug. 6, is in its sixth year in Virginia Beach and has grown significantly in prestige and attendance over the past several years.

At least 50 national and regional bands will perform at 10 oceanfront stages, located along the boardwalk, beaches and parks.

The headline concerts, from artists such as Randy Travis, the Beach Boys and the Village People, will be held at the large stand in the sand at 5th Street. Other performances will be at 5th, 7th, 13th,

14th, 17th, 20th, 22nd, 24th, 25th and 29th streets.

Bobby Melatti, director of Beachevents, anticipates an exciting and successful weekend.

"Since so many events are free, it is hard to gauge the actual attendance, but we expect over 100,000 people easily," he said. "It has been a huge success in the past and I really feel it makes a difference in tourists' experience on Labor Day weekend."

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The headlining performance on Labor

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Commentary

LABOR DAY TRAFFIC SMARTS

Police have eye on roads

Next weekend will be one of the most heavily-traveled times of year as families hit the road to head out for one last summer fling, or come home to prepare for back to school.

With more traffic comes more instances for terrible tragedies which could have been averted. When in an accident, your chances of surviving and sustaining less injuries increase greatly if wearing a seat belt.

Virginia and four neighboring states will conduct a joint series of Labor Day weekend checkpoints aimed at grinding out the message that traffic safety laws — including those requiring use of seat belts and child safety seats — are being strictly enforced because they save lives.

The operation is believed to be the first of kind involving so many states at once.

It's also a very good idea.

This year's operations with North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky and West Virginia are an expansion of previous cooperative checkpoints that Virginia conducted with North Carolina in 1997 and 1998. As with those safety checks, these will be held at locations and times on the state line that will not be announced ahead of time.

On regional roads at the state line, state and local law enforcement officers will be at their respective jurisdictions stopping cars. Drivers will be asked to show licenses and registrations. They will also be checked to make sure they and their passengers are buckled up.

All of these measures are being taken for one simple reason: when the word gets out that seat belt and child safety seat laws are enforced, use of occupant restraints goes up and fatalities go down.

Virginia recorded a 5-percent decline in traffic fatalities last year while marking a 6.5-percent increase in seat belt use, according to the Department of Motor Vehicles. In 1998, 934 people died in accidents in Virginia, compared to 981 in 1997. The seat belt use rate was estimated at 73.6 percent in 1998, compared to 67.1 percent in 1997.

The numbers don't lie. So think smart and buckle up next weekend. — V.E.H.

Thoughts on 30...

The inevitable is coming. I can do nothing about it.

As Dolly Parton said in my favorite movie, "Steel Magnolias," "Time marches on — and it marches right across your face."

Next month I'll be 30.

Time's a funny thing. It seems like when you're a kid, that precious variable moves so slowly. Important dates like Christmas take forever to arrive. Anticipation builds and you wait, "Three whole months to Christmas? That's forever!"

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appreciate the passage of time. Only I wish I could slow it down so he'd stay my tiny, huggable baby for years. But that won't happen. He must grow into a sturdy toddler, then a little boy and ultimately a kindergarten taker his first step onto the school bus.

Turning 30 is something of a stepping stone — or turning point — for many people. I guess I'm included in that number.

A friend once said that 30 is so final because it means you're really and truly an "adult" when you reach three decades. The foolish 20s are passed and you must focus on building a life and planning for the future. There are families to consider, bigger homes to buy and savings for retirement to be socked away.

My husband's 30th birthday in June passed with little fanfare. I asked Evan if it bothered him to be turning the "big 3-0." He said it didn't, but I have a tiny suspicion that it did.

As a present to himself, he sought out the cute BMW 2002i which he owned in high school and purchased it from the owner. Though best beyond all recognition, I could see the delight in Evan's face at the prospect of restoring this special part of his past.

After all, it was his first car. Now he talks with schoolboy enthusiasm about making the "beemer" run and look like new again. Ultimately, he plans to present the car to Mitchell when he turns 16.

But my 30th birthday gift to recapitulate youth? Really can't think of one. I suppose it would be nice to have a carefree attitude back, but that's not likely. I'm a responsible adult now — a mother, no less — and have people relying on me. Being carefree usually signifies no obligations. I like having obligations.

So what's to be the gift? Probably accepting that life is moving forward and bringing with it new challenges and loss of changes. If I can come to terms with all that, I'll be a happy 30-year-old.

So here's to turning the big 3-0. It's not so bad really, except for those lines starting to creep into my face.

Now I wish I could do something about that.

Turn a blind eye to murder — but not sex and drugs

I am no conspiracy buff and readily concede that deranged individuals come out of the woodwork and commit acts of violence. But nothing we know about Lee Harvey Oswald suggests that he was in any way mentally unstable.

Quite the contrary — Oswald even held a top national security clearance prior to his so-called defection to the USSR. Nobody passes the intense scrutiny of a background check for that clearance with even a trace of emotional or mental instability in his past. So, since Oswald was sane, common sense tells us that he would've needed a very compelling reason for risking his own life to kill a President of the United States.

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But, I forget myself — there is no promise of sex and drugs to entice the press into paying attention to this 25-year-old story long enough to pressure the Washington politicians into action. After all, it's only about Kennedy's murder, not his paramours or possible experimentation with drugs.

Congressmen's dysfunctions catching up

There is no need to write anymore about Bill Clinton and the rotten things he has done to disgrace the presidency and this country. It is out there for all to see.

But it is troubling to know that there are some congressmen and senators who also are dysfunctional in one way or the other. I understand why Ted Kennedy and Chris Dodd defended Clinton during the impeachment hearings, because they have some heavy baggage to carry themselves.

But I could not understand why Newt Gingrich didn't give an opinion during the hearings, even though he was not in Congress at the time. He said very little while he was there. Now we know. He has been romantically linked to a 33-year-old aide to the House Agriculture Committee.

Gingrich, whose espoused family values during his campaign, has reportedly been seeing the aide for years. Gingrich demanded a divorce from his second wife, Marianne and filed for same July 29.

Reports of trouble between the two surfaced in 1989, when the couple told the *Washington Post* that they didn't know if their marriage would last. Gingrich said his "habit of dominance" contributed to their problems. He said that he had found "frustrating pieces that related to his own life" in the book "Men Who Hate Women and the Women Who Love Them." Sounds dysfunctional to me, and to think that he was Speaker of the House is scary.

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Disaster preparedness begins in your home

Many scientists, as well as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, are concerned that global warming could lead to serious changes in our climate, causing more dangerous



The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyera Oberdorf

storms and hurricanes, rising sea levels and the spread of tropical diseases. Global warming occurs because carbon dioxide (CO₂) and other gases released by the combustion of fossil fuels are building up in the atmosphere and preventing the sun's heat from escaping back

into space.

We have already been warned that more and more severe storms are to be expected this hurricane season and for that reason, I would like to take this time to mention some things that you can do prepare you and your family for these expected storms.

The Atlantic hurricane season officially lasts from June 1 to Nov. 30, but historically, most hurricanes and tropical storms affecting Virginia Beach occur in August, September and October. No one can predict exactly how a storm will impact an area or when it will hit. We must be aware of potential unexpected changes in storm tracks and we need to be prepared for disaster before it strikes.

Pre-planning is very important. You and everyone in your family or household need to be prepared to make decisions about how you will handle a hurricane and be made aware of the decisions that have already been made as to what each member can do and when they are to do it:

■ Discuss your family's plans for disaster.

■ Those with special medical needs must take additional precautions in planning for an emergency.

■ Those living in flood prone, low-lying areas or mobile homes should consider evacuation. Have an emergency supply kit of food, medications, water, first-aid kit, battery-powered radio, flashlights, batteries, sleeping bags, blankets, etc.

■ Identify an out-of-state relative or friend to serve as a "family contact." Make sure everyone in the family knows the name, address and phone number of the "family contact." Learn the storm tide history and elevation of your area to determine if evacuation would be necessary.

■ Make provisions for pets in case of evacuation as they are not allowed in public shelters. Identify alternative shelters such as other family members or friends.

■ Review the status of your flood, home and automobile insurance coverage, list and take photographs of your property.

People with medical needs are especially vulnerable to the impacts of a hurricane and must make contingency plans before the season begins. Remember, normal services may not be available for weeks after a hurricane. If you receive home healthcare services, contact your providing agency to determine what the plans are, if a disaster were to strike. If you are dependent on electrically-powered equipment, contact your provider and ask what alternatives are available to you in case there are long-term power outages. Make sure you have sufficient medications and supplies to last at least two weeks.

Keep enough supplies in your home to meet your needs for at least three days. Assemble a Disaster Supply Kit with items you may need in an evacuation. Store these supplies in sturdy, easy-to-carry containers such as backpacks, duffel bags or covered trash containers. If you are staying at home, evacuating or going to a shelter, you will need to have a kit with you. Include:

- A three-day supply of water (one gallon per person per day) and food, that won't spoil, include snacks.
- One change of clothing and footwear per person and one blanket or sleeping bag per person.
- A first aid kit that includes your family's prescription medications.
- Battery-powered radio, flashlight and plenty of extra batteries.
- An extra set of car keys and a credit card, cash or travelers' checks.
- Sanitation supplies.
- Special items for infant, elderly or disabled family members.
- An extra pair of glasses.
- Quiet games, toys, books, cards.
- Manual can opener.
- Plastic trash bags.
- Clean-up supplies (mop, bucket, towels, disinfectant).
- Water purification kit (tablets, chlorine (plain) and (iodine)).
- Keep important family documents in a waterproof container. Keep a smaller kit in the trunk of your car, if possible.

Since pets are not allowed inside public emergency shelters, due to public health and safety reasons, if you and your family need to evacuate, you must plan in advance for the care of your pets.

Consider the following:

- Acquire a pet carrier or crate for each pet. Carriers should be large enough for the pet to stand up and turn around. Familiarize your pet with the carrier. Be sure your pet's vaccination

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■ Be sure your pet wears a properly fitted collar and leash, with a current license tag, rabies tag and identification tag.

Survey your home and determine the best location, away from windows, that you might place your pet during an emergency, such as utility room, bathroom, kitchen or other tiled area that can be cleaned easily.

■ Decide where you might take your pet if it becomes necessary, during an emergency, to leave your home. Places you could contact are: boarding kennels; veterinary hospitals; friends and relatives; or motels that accept pets.

■ Acquire non-spill water and food bowls.

■ Stock up on pet food and kitty litter.

Please remember, a hurricane watch means hurricane conditions pose a possible threat to the area within 24 to 36 hours. It does not necessarily mean a hurricane will strike. A hurricane warning means hurricane conditions are expected in your area within 24 hours or less.

Secure your property as best you can, covering windows, closing shutters, etc. Check the area around your home for potential flying objects, garbage cans, grills, chairs, etc. During the storm, stay indoors, away from windows. Go to a well-protected section of your home. Be wary of the eye of the storm. Be aware of the danger of fire during a storm and cut off your utilities, if flooding threatens.

Be aware, do what you can in advance. Be prepared.

Up close and personal

Pete Noga: Big heart for kids

By Victoria Hecht
Editor

Pete Noga may be a big, burly linebacker for the Hampton Roads Sharks football team, but his heart melts when it comes to children.

A former All-American from the University of Hawaii, Noga's prowess on the football field led him to NFL careers with the Indianapolis Colts and St. Louis Cardinals. Today, however, Portsmouth is home and he enjoys the friendly competition of playing with the Virginia Beach-based Sharks.

According to Noga, though, his most important task is just getting started. Through the Making A Difference Foundation, he's chairman of the Virginia Fatherhood Campaign.

Both the Sharks and the campaign have helped Noga regain the drive to succeed — and zest for life — which he lost when his beloved father died.

"I lost my dad to stomach cancer six years ago. After that, the drive to do anything just wasn't there. He was like a guide to me — an advisor, a friend and a father to all my brothers, sisters and myself," he said.

After falling in love with the Tidewater area during a visit to his wife's family, the Nogas moved to Virginia. For Noga, a native of American Samoa raised in Hawaii, it was an exciting new challenge.

More good things awaited. Noga learned of the Sharks, which play at the Virginia Beach Sportsplex, and through them learned of the Making A Difference Foundation. The Sharks work with the foundation to mentor local children.

"They were looking for someone to run the Fatherhood Campaign here in Virginia," Noga said. "It fit the mold for me, because when my brothers and I were playing in the NFL we worked with kids in Hawaii during the off-season. We put together the Noga Brothers Football Camp."

Noga jumped at the chance to work with fathers to make them better dads. With the help of his wife, Charlotte, the program will be a real eye opener for those involved.

"The Fatherhood Campaign gives dads a better chance to cope with their children and get them more familiarized with their kids — even things like what colors they like and what kinds of clothes they enjoy wearing."

The Nogas will be conducting workshops on a startup basis as the program gets going. Noga knows the time is right for such a program. The father of a 9-year-old daughter for attends Olive Branch Elementary, he's horrified by the youth violence plaguing America.

"It's like those kids in Denver, Colo. and the shootings. It all starts at home. It's a lack of responsible parenting," he contends.

As a young parent, Noga likes to repeatedly tell daughter Lofi a story about a train on the track.

"A train rides on a track. It's going somewhere. But once the train goes off the track, it's crashes. If you don't focus on where you're going, you get in trouble. That's the sad part. You have so many parents who aren't focusing on their kids," he explained.

Wife Charlotte added, "We're going to train fathers to be role models."

Noga will teach by example. He talks with reverence of his own father, Iosefo, a Catholic minister who raised a large family against the odds in a low-income neighborhood. Three of his sons — Pete, Al and Nicho — attended the University of Hawaii on football scholarships and made names for themselves on the field.

Noga doesn't forget any of that — how football provided him an education and good life, now how his father inspired.

"And we get down on our knees as a family every morning and pray to the good Lord to guide us in what we're going to do that day," said Noga.

Beyond the Fatherhood Campaign, Noga has dreams of again offering a football camp here, just like the one he and his brothers had in Hawaii. All children, whether low-income or high-income, would be afforded the opportunity to participate in a week of training, camaraderie, fellowship and learning for just \$5.

"If we can do it in Hawaii, we can do it here!" he promised.

For more information about the Virginia Fatherhood Campaign call, 495-5009.

Name: Pete Noga.



What brought you to this area: I wanted to experience different sides of the world.

Hometown: American Samoa, then Honolulu, Hawaii.

Age: 35.

Nickname: None.

Occupation: Director of the Virginia Fatherhood Campaign through the Making A Difference Foundation.

Marital status: Happily married for 11 years to my wife, Charlotte.

Children: One beautiful and smart daughter, Lealioanna "Lofi" Charlotte Noga. She is 9 years old, a Student of the Month and loves to rollerskate.

Favorite movies: "Scarface" and "Grease."

Magazines I read regularly: Sports Illustrated.

Favorite author: God.

Favorite night out on the town: Watching movies with my family on Sunday nights.

Favorite restaurants: Ragazzi's here or Zippy's in Hawaii.

Favorite meal and beverage: Samoan food such as baked green bananas, pigsoo (corned beef), taro, breadfruit and umu (pig cooked underground with hot rocks) and soda.

What most people don't know about me: Most people don't know about our beloved Samoan culture, Fa-asamoa. I respect the elders and care for our children.

Best thing about myself: When I'm having fun with my family (my wife and daughter).

Worst habit: Not opening doors for others, which is true, but I should.

Pets: Two kittens, Sonny and Precious.

Hobbies: Basketball, fishing, weight lifting and movies.

Ideal vacation: Family trip to London for a week.

First job: Dole cannery on the production line.

Least liked job: Labor in 100-degree heat.

Favorite sports team: Hampton Roads Sharks football team.

Favorite musician: Julio Iglesias.

Most embarrassing moment: When my fifth-grade teacher, Sarah Kwon, caught me combing my hair.

How I would like to be remembered: As a person who gave everything to get a project done to the best of my ability. I am a loving and caring dad and husband. Also, as a humble man after my late dad, Iosefo Noga.

If I received \$1 million: I would pay all debts and donate money to charity. I would take my wife and daughter on a vacation.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I would stress parents to focus more on their kids and be a positive role model. I want to share my love for my wife, Charlotte, our daughter, Lofi. I love my family and want to thank the good Lord, my mom Noela, my wife and daughter, my in-laws, Pastor David and Lealioi Twig, for all their love and support and for believing in me.

Also I'd thank Paul McCoy, Ted Henflin, The Westbrooks, CCU Clan and Norman Miller. Also, my brothers Niko, Al, Tino, Paula and George Michael. Also, sisters Sula and Lelani, the whole Noga clan. Great thanks to Bob Bobulinski, Mike Mitchell, Coach Baskerville, Coach Baker and the Hampton Roads Sharks football team for keeping my drive alive. Last, but not least, thank the good Lord I would not be here to share these things. Peace.

'Really Big Dinosaur Show' brings T-Rex to life

Don't miss the last days of the dinosaurs at the Virginia Marine Science Museum!

On Saturday, Sept. 4 and Sunday, Sept. 5 at 1 pm, and 3 pm., the museum will celebrate the culmination of the T-Rex exhibit by premiering "The Really Big Dinosaur Show."

Free with museum admission, this 30 minute puppet show features a myriad of creatures from the Cretaceous and Jurassic periods. Afterwards, view the captivating robotic dinosaur exhibit and the

museum's three dimensional IMAX film, "T-REX: Back to the Cretaceous."

Created and produced by Rainbow Productions, "The Really Big Dinosaur Show" will educate and entertain children of all ages by dispelling the myths and mysteries surrounding these amazing creatures through song, dance, and of course, fun! The production features 20 new prehistoric animal puppets including an 8-foot-tall T-Rex, 18-foot-long Diplodocus and a giant woolly mammoth.

Some highlights of the new puppet show include:

■ "Miss Dino World Beauty Pageant" where Miss Triceratops is the odds-on favorite and pageant contestants are serenaded by That Fabulous Face.

■ A head-butting contest between two Pachycephalosaurs to the sounds of the 1812 Overture.

■ A jammin' jazz concert where the Ankylosaurus beats his heavy tail on the ground like a drum, a Stegosaurus has his plates played like a xylophone and the

Parasauroplopus blows his cress-like horn.

■ The show peaks with a rousing rendition of "The Dinosaur Hop" where several dinosaurs get the audience on their feet to boogie to an old-time rock 'n' roll beat.

Visitors will embark in their own prehistoric journey in Tracking T-REX in 3-D, a life size robotic dinosaur exhibit by Dina-motion. Filled with realistic sights and sounds, this exhibit will offer a chance to come face to face with an 18-foot-tall, fully grown robotic

Tyrannosaurus rex, as well as other life size creature from the Cretaceous Period.

In addition, future paleontologists will be able to get their hands dirty as they unearth Cretaceous information at the fossil dig and dinosaur rubbing station.

The museum's new IMAX film, T-REX: Back to the Cretaceous, slices through the mysteries of the millennia to bring dinosaurs to life with ground breaking realism never before seen. Earth's most fearsome predator - Tyrannosaurus Rex - and

other animals of prehistoric times are brought to life in amazing detail on an IMAX screen six stories high and eight stories wide. The film incorporates the most up to date scientific knowledge about these creatures from the prehistoric past.

For more information, call 425-FISH (3474).

The Virginia Beach Sun



CAST YOUR LINES. Volunteers gave their time to children from the Boys and Girls Clubs of South Hampton Roads during Kids Fishing Day at Lynnhaven Pier in Virginia Beach.

Little anglers cast lines with mentors

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them fishing again," said Rodgers. "That way, the benefits of one day could be multiplied."

Last year, the event had 40 volunteers and was sponsored by the CCA. This year's joint effort had a total of 74 volunteers and 233 children participating.

"I believe SHRAY and CCA worked really well together to make this year's event such a success," said Rodgers. "Last year, all of the children came from the Boys and Girls Clubs. This year, we branched out with the help of SHRAY and had about half come from other organizations."

Rodgers also attributes the success of the event to the donations of corporate sponsors.

"It went wonderfully well," he said. "Some of these kids have never been fishing in their entire life or on a pier. It was like Christmas in August. We fed them lunch and were able to spend time with them. Plus, we were able to provide some education about the bay so they can be good stewards of the bay and its resources."

"It was so exciting and the kids loved it. The sense of satisfaction from this event is indescribable."

Welton said the children seemed to have had a rewarding experience. "The children said they loved it," he said. "They got some attention from adults and just had a great time. It was like watching a flower bloom."

Carlton Nelson, an employee of the Boys and Girls Clubs of South Hampton Roads W.W. Houston Unit, chaperoned a group of children.

"This is only the second time in



GOT IT! Gretchen Stott, 18, caught one of the first fish of the day during Kids Fishing Day.

my life I've gone fishing," said Nelson. "and I'm excited. The children are really glad to be here and it is just really nice all people are doing for them."

Welton hopes next year about 50 more children will be able to attend.

"We don't want to go over 300," he said, "because it is hard to get a good quality when you have too many children. We also hope to get the Center for Marine Conservation and the Virginia Marine Science Museum involved for educational booths."

Welton said the participation of area businesses was an asset.

"This is the most rewarding event we do all year," he added. "It was wonderful how every business we asked for support said yes. We had 40 volunteers sign up and almost twice that many came out to help. Everyone did what we expected and beyond."

Concerts

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Day will be Ashford and Simpson at 6 p.m.

Artists scheduled for free concerts include Eddie Money, Drifters, Firehouse, Taylor Dayne, Loverboy, Cracker, Exile, Fighting Gravity, Bodeans and the Rhondels.

Fireworks will be held Saturday, Sept. 4 and Sunday, Sept. 5 at 9:15 p.m.

"We have made something that appeals to both tourists and locals," said Melatti. "It is a great festival and we hope everyone who attends has a good time."

To attend a headliner performance, tickets are required. The price is two for \$5 and can be purchased at all Ticketmaster outlets.

More than two dozen area hotels are planning packages which will include passport pins for all guests. The pins will allow admission to all headline performances.

Jimmy Capps, president of the Virginia Beach Hotel and Motel Association and the owner of Breakers Resort Inn, said his hotel is planning packages with breakfast and T-shirts included with the room and pin.

"One of the purposes of the American Music Festival is to reach out to a segment of the population who we'd like to come to Virginia Beach on Labor Day weekend," Capps said. "We try to appeal to the families as well as the general population."

"Using the passport pins has been very effective and we believe in it. It provides great entertainment for the weekend for both locals and visitors."

More than 45,000 overnight visitors are anticipated on Labor Day weekend, said James Ricketts, director of the Department of Convention and Visitor Development. Ricketts estimated more than \$7.5 million will be spent by tourists over the weekend.

One of the concerns has been the issue of parking.

"For this festival, we will continue with the same method we have been using for years," said Bobby Gray, operations supervisor for the city's Resort Management Department. "We will go with the typical Labor Day weekend plan, which is to run a bus from the Pavilion to 6th Street and back. For those who would like to be in a more central part of the oceanfront, there will also be trol-



Ashford and Simpson



Randy Travis

leys from the Pavilion to 18th Street."

Satellite parking costs \$5, which includes shuttle services. The services will only be available Sept. 4 to Sept. 6.

"Everything goes pretty smoothly with parking," he added, "and we have had few problems over the years. Most people are pretty pleased with the arrangements."

The schedule for headliners and their opening acts is:

■ Friday, Sept. 3 (gates open at 1:30 p.m.) - Peaches and Herb, 4 p.m.; Ashford and Simpson, 6 p.m.



Peaches and Herb

4 p.m.) - The Trammps, 5:30 p.m.; Average White Band, 7 p.m.; The Village People, 8:30 p.m.

■ Saturday, Sept. 4 (gates open at 2 p.m.) - John Sebastian, 4 p.m.; The Beach Boys, 5:30 p.m.

■ Sunday, Sept. 5 (gates open at 1:30 p.m.) - Julie Reeves, 3:30 p.m.; Randy Travis, 5:30 p.m.

■ Monday, Sept. 6 (gates open

at noon) - Right On, 2 p.m.;

"We are so excited to see this festival's growth over the years," said Melatti. "A major part of its growth has been sponsorship. Companies such as Pontiac GMC and GTE won't back events that aren't going to be successful."

"Where else can you see the Beach Boys for \$2.50?"

Thalia's Felty is Principal of Year

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day goes by when I don't call one of them to use as a touchstone for something," said Felty.

"To be perceived as someone worthy of this recognition was something I hadn't anticipated. It really was a shock."

According to Perry Williams, 1998-99 president of the association, Felty was singled out for the accolades based on her "strong administrative abilities" coupled with "background in curriculum and instruction."

"She has the innate ability to quickly assess student achievement results" and relate to her staff regarding training and resources to address students' needs, said Williams.

Felty's career began in 1970 as a special education teacher in Lancaster County. She also worked as a learning disabilities teacher with the Arlington County Public Schools until her husband's career transfer brought

the couple to Virginia Beach in 1977.

She began her career with the local schools that year as assistant principal of the Center for Effective Learning.

Other posts have included principal of the Center, special education coordinator at Pembroke Elementary and principal of Rosemont Elementary.

TIP OF THE HAT

Felty's principle of leadership is reliant on Thalia's school motto.

"The decisions that we make at our school are first run through our mission statement. Essentially, it's children first and aiming for academic achievement. That tends to be our sieve when we make decisions. I think of each child as an individual."

"With my special education background that comes naturally. My background is one of totally

individualized education," she said.

With the school silent for two months — except for the sounds of ongoing renovations as the 1956 school undergoes a two-year transformation — Felty is eager to again see the 740 or so little faces that make her job worthwhile.

"You miss the peanut butter and jelly line around your waist. That's the line you get when all the kids hug you. The school comes alive when the kids come back. It's sort of like when you commission a ship. The same thing happens every September when it's time to go back to school," she said.

Come Labor Day, Felty knows she'll have trouble falling to sleep that night.

Come Sept. 7, all the summer's planning and preparation will culminate when the yellow buses come rolling in.

"It sounds like you don't do much in the summer, but I sure put in the hours. It's a pretty intense pace readying for a new

school year — a new curriculum, making sure you have the right teachers in the right positions and the right students in the right classes. When the children arrive, that's when we get down to the business that we're here for."

She's embarking on the school year with two challenges: getting to know a new assistant principal and running a school around the obstacles of construction. Felty is confident Thalia will acclimate well to both.

Her primary concern for the year is safety as construction continues.

Felty is the mother of two sons, one a rising senior at Cox High and one a Citadel graduate working in Charleston, S.C. She and husband Robert enjoy doing events with the Hampton Roads Scottish community and are members of Broad Bay Point Greens Civic League.

They are active in programs at All Saint's Episcopal Church and with the Cox High Booster Club and PTA.

American Heart Walk, Heart Ball dates set

The American Heart Association's American Heart Walk is scheduled for Sept. 25 at Newport News City Park and Oct. 2 at Norfolk Botanical Garden.

Honorary chairpersons are The Honorable Herb Bateman (Peninsula Walk) and Arnold McKinnon (Southside) chairpersons are Bert Bateman Jr. of Cent Bank (Peninsula Walk) and David Bernd, CEO of Sentara Health Systems (Southside Walk). The goal for both walks' combined is \$275,000.

Teams are forming now and corporate sponsorship opportunities are available.

The Heart Ball will take place Saturday, Feb. 19 at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott. G. Robert Aston Jr., chairman and CEO of TowneBank, is the chairman of the Heart Ball for 2000. This elegant formal event will feature dancing to the sounds of Right On and a gourmet dinner prepared by Chef Chas Senic. This year's goal is \$355,000.

"We're doing everything we can to make this year's Heart Ball one of the most memorable

evenings ever," says Aston Jr. "Other key committee planners are Alan Lindauer (Waterside Capital Corporation), Vonda Capria (Merck and Company), Leigh Hammer (Sentara), Tom Johnson (Norfolk Waterside Marriott), Jennifer Smith (Bon Secours Hampton Roads) and Shelly Chevalier (LNC4-Local News on Cable).

Ticket proceeds from both events benefit the American Heart Association's research and educational programs. For more information about the American Heart Walk or Heart Ball, call the American Heart Association, 671-8636.

The American Heart Association spent \$312 million during fiscal year 1997-98 on research support, public and professional education and community programs. With more than 4 million volunteers, the AHA is the largest voluntary health organization fighting heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases, which annually kill more than 959,000 Americans.

LIBRARY NOTES

■ The Pungo-Blackwater Library (922 Princess Anne Rd.) presents a "Romance Readers' Group" discussion on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m.

■ The Central Library (4100 Virginia Beach Blvd.) presents "Storybook Theater" featuring Susan Corbitt, storyteller, on the following Saturdays, Sept. 11 and 25 and Oct. 9 and 23. Registration can be made by phone (437-6450) or walk-in at the Central Library Administration office beginning at 10 a.m. Aug. 26 for the September series and on Thursday, Sept. 30 for the October series.

■ Central Library September exhibits include:

Sept. 1-15, Sewing Month Exhibit presented by the American Sewing Guild Central Library First Floor Display Cases.

Sept. 1-30, Art Exhibit presented by the Hispanic Community Dialogue Auditorium Lobby Gallery Area.

Sept. 16-30, Information on Hispanic organizations and services presented by the Hispanic Community Dialogue, Central Library First Floor Display Cases.

■ The Kempville Area Library (832 Kempville Rd.) presents a toddler storytime — "It's Toddly Time" — a storytime about bears. This is a lap sit storytime designed for 2-year-olds only. Each child must be accompanied by an adult. Be sure to bring your child's favorite teddy bear. To be held Saturday, Sept. 18 at 10:30 a.m., registration must be in person. Participation is limited to 15 toddlers.

■ The Kempville Library (832

Kempville Rd.) presents a "Preschool Storytime" series Thursday, Sept. 2 - Oct. 7 from 2:30 to 3 p.m.; Friday, Sept. 3 - Oct. 8 from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.; or Friday, Sept. 3 - Oct. 8 from 11:15 to 11:45 a.m.

The six-week story time series includes 30 minutes of stories, songs and activities. Come join the fun. Call 474-8406 to register beginning Aug. 26. Participation is limited to 25 children per session.

■ The Virginia Beach Genealogical society presents two genealogical resources tours to be held at the Central Library's Local History/Genealogy Section (4100 Virginia Beach Blvd.) on Thursday, Sept. 2 at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. and on Thursday, Oct. 7 at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. Participation is limited to 15 adults. Registration can be made by phone (437-6450) or by walk-in at the Central Library Administration of-

fice.

■ The Bayside Area Library (936 Independence Blvd.) presents two "Fall Storytime" series beginning Sept. 16 from 2:15 to 2:45 p.m. and Fridays Sept. 17 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. For children, ages 3 through 5. For more information, pick up the Storytime Brochure at the Bayside Area Library. Call 460-7518 to register, beginning Sept. 7. Participation is limited to 25.

Windsor Oaks host open house

Windsor Oaks Elementary School will hold an Open House/Meet-the-Teacher Day Thursday, Sept. 2 at noon and 6 p.m. During each session, children and parents will get to meet the teacher and see their classroom.

ACADEMIC HONORS

Engineering students place third in national aircraft design contest

Old Dominion engineering students were part of a team that placed third in the 1998-99 National General Aviation Design Competition sponsored by NASA and the Federal Aviation Administration.

The team of 21 undergraduate and graduate students also included students from the University of Virginia and Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, N.Y. Members will share a \$1,000 award.

Team members from Old Dominion are Tony Davidson and Matthew Simon of Norfolk; Jose Bricio of Virginia Beach; Alexander Lin of Yorktown; Tony Wilson of Hampton; Ron Phoebus of Chesapeake; and Monte Martin of Seattle.

Old Dominion's faculty sponsor was aerospace engineering associate professor Colin Britcher.

The contest invited teams from U.S. engineering schools to address

design challenges for a light, single-pilot aircraft for two to six passengers. The purpose of the contest is to encourage breakthroughs in technology that could impact the general aviation marketplace.

The team won the award for designing an aircraft called the "Yeah Man." It features symmetrical main wings and canards and asymmetrical tails and fuselage. The interior design helps ensure passenger safety and comfort.

A model of the team's design was tested in Old Dominion's Full-scale Wind Tunnel at NASA Langley Research Center in Hampton.

The awards were presented at a ceremony at AirVenture '99, the Experimental Aircraft Association's annual Convention and Fly-In in Oshkosh, Wis. The Virginia Space Grant Consortium, based in Hampton, manages the competition.

Woodstock's Hildum picked for McAuliffe fellowship

Woodstock Elementary School second grade teacher Kristin Hildum has been selected as the 1999 Virginia Christa McAuliffe Fellow. As the recipient of the fellowship, she will receive \$31,000 to fund her literacy program, REACH (Reading Enriches All Children).

Hildum is the founder and director of the 9-month-old REACH Program, a non-profit organization that provides positive literacy experiences to families living in shelters. The organization is volunteer-run and now provides services to five area homeless shelters. With the fellowship grant, Hildum plans to expand the program, adding volunteers and services, and to research additional funding sources that will make the program self-sufficient in future years.

As she remarks, "I will be able to devote a year to the extensive demands of programming and funding...so that REACH will be able to grow to meet the needs of the burgeoning sheltered population

and continue to do its part to improve reading perceptions and proficiency in Virginia."

According to Thomas Elliott, Assistant Superintendent in the Division of Teacher Education and Licensure at the State Department of Education, Hildum's REACH program "presents the challenge of improving the reading proficiency of at-risk children and of providing positive literacy experiences to homeless children and their families. Involving over 100 community members, local businesses, national corporations, and educational organizations, was a major strength of...[the] proposal."

Hildum was chosen by a selection panel appointed by the State Superintendent of Education and comprised of members representing school administrators, teachers, parents, and institutions of higher learning. Out of an applicant pool of 16 proposals, Hildum's proposal was the unanimous choice. The project will be implemented during the 1999-2000 school year.

Oceana tours draw Beach visitors

By Matthew Shanley
Correspondent

Roxanne Zehnle sat in the TRT bus beside her husband Ray, stoic in the knowledge that her trip to the Oceana Naval Air Base would not be in vain.

The Missouri native was hoping to visit a mansion or two during her visit to Virginia; what she saw were some of the most advanced fighter planes the U.S. Navy has to offer.

"I'm collecting points to cash in later," Mrs. Zehnle said with a smile.

The Oceana tours offer visitors a chance to visit the 6,000-acre base, ride along the flight line of the 12,000-foot airstrip and get within a few feet of F-14 and F-18 fighter planes.

The first stop, though, is the city's Visitor's Information Bureau booth at 24th Street in downtown Virginia Beach. There, Norfolk's Bernadine Boone, a TRT employee, and Virginia Beach's Ashley Cerino sell tickets at \$3.50 a pop, primarily to tourists.

The 90-minute tours run three times a day on some weekdays, and twice a day at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on weekends, with the weekday tour ending with lunch at Oceana's officer's club. Between 250 and 300 buses make the trek to the naval base each year.

For the most part, local residents are not on the buses. Cerino believes seeing the F-14s repeatedly buzz overhead is enough for most people.

"We're not impressed because we see them fly over every day," said Cerino, who's never taken the tour. "Most people don't get to see that."

Families fill up most of the TRT seats, and Boone said the children seem to have the most fun.

"The kids really enjoy it," she said. "They like to see the planes take off and land."

So do the Zehnles, who attend air shows in Missouri and neighboring Illinois two or three times every year. They were the only tourists on Sunday's early jaunt — the later tour often packs two buses — but they were happy to have the bus to themselves.

Roxanne said the appeal of fighter planes is simple.

"It's something I can't do," said Roxanne, a retired registered nurse. "I don't ice skate, and I watch that, too."

For Ray, a retired electrician and Air Force veteran, the tours let him



Photos by Matthew Shanley

TALKING PLANES. Navy spokesperson Julie Grodski talks to Ray and Roxanne Zehnle of St. Louis, Mo. about the FJ-3M fighter plane at the Aviation Historical Park at Oceana Naval Air Station.

know where his tax dollars are going thanks to tour guide Julie Grodski, who got on the bus at the main gate.

Grodski, just back from a three-year tour aboard the carrier *Dwight D. Eisenhower*, is an avionics electronics technician chief who's maintained the aircraft for the past 11 years.

"It's still exciting to me, even after 11 years, to see a plane take off from or land on a carrier," she said.

"I enjoy giving the tour because my own family can't come to visit," Grodski said. "I know these people are somebody's family, and I enjoy showing it off."

As the bus led the Zehnles further into the base and past huge hangars, the Long Island, N.Y. native said Oceana's runway is big enough for the Space Shuttle to make an emergency landing.

Grodski talked about the F-14s and F-18s at the base, explaining that Oceana is home to the Grim Reapers, the oldest squad of F-14s in the Navy arsenal.

The tour ended near the entrance to Oceana's Aviation Historical Park, home to several planes that have been decommissioned, including the FJ-3M Fury that only saw four years of service between 1954 and 1958.

Bus driver Roland Shury waited while Grodski and the Zehnles toured the park. He's been driving the Oceana tours for two months.



THE BIG PLANES. Ray Zehnle of St. Louis, Mo. enjoys an Oceana tour aboard a TRT bus. He's looking at an F-18.

Three Va. Beach residents graduate info tech program

Three Virginia Beach residents recently earned certificates as systems engineers from Old Dominion University's Information Technology Program.

ITPro was created to provide professional retraining in the information technology field. The program offers Internet and networking certificates with training leading to Microsoft or Novell certification.

Michael Alan Porter and Shafron D. Williams earned Old Dominion University certificates in engineering and Manolo E. Julian earned the Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer

certification.

The graduates completed their certificate programs in approximately one year, taking classes part time on evenings and weekends.

The students receiving Old Dominion University certificates were required to take two additional courses in effective business communications and project management. Graduates completing this program earn academic credit, which can be applied toward information technology-related degree at Old Dominion upon admission as a degree-seeking student.

Hoffmeister graduates from Marine Academy

Jason Hoffmeister of Virginia Beach recently received a bachelor of science degree in marine systems engineering from Maine Maritime Academy in Castine, Maine. Hoffmeister is a graduate of Princess Anne High School.

Butler inducted into Phi Beta Delta Society

Elizabeth Butler of Virginia Beach, a senior majoring in speech communications in the College of Visual and Performing Arts and women's studies in the College of Arts and Sciences at Syracuse University, was recently inducted into the University's chapter of Phi Beta Delta Honor Society.

Phi Beta Delta Honor Society recognizes academic excellence among international students. Membership is by invitation only and must be earned by excellence in academic work.

Locals named to Honor Roll

More than 200 students made the President's Honor Roll for the summer session at the Portsmouth Campus of Tidewater Community College.

Virginia Beach Honor Roll students were: Stephanie Ballengee, Stella Brindle, Nancy Brown, William Camps, Roland Dillon III, James Donnelly, Bert Durgin, Christina Esposo, Mark Evans, Imelda Krieg, Betty Lanich, Michael Long, Gwendolyn Marrow, Garry Miller, Carole Monty, Kenneth Morey, Denise Neumann, Tammy Owen, Earl Pruitt Jr., Robert Roy, Christopher Simons, Rita Whetzel and Sheila Williams.

DAR presents poetry award

The National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution recently awarded Ruth Daniel Hunter, a member of the Adam Thoroughgood Chapter DAR, a second place certificate for her poetry.

Ferrell Parkway proposal could mean savings

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Upton Drive north of Sandbridge Road and Upton Drive intersection; the Ferrell Parkway and Upton Drive intersection; the Ferrell Parkway and General Booth Boulevard intersection and the shopping center entrance on Ferrell Parkway between Newstead Drive and Upton Drive.

If the city were to construct the roadway alone, the cost would be \$12.7 million, Warnstaff said. While under the agreement the city's cost would be \$2.9 million leading to a savings of \$9.8 million.

However, taking into consideration what the developer would be

asked to do without city participation, the savings to the city would range between \$2.7 million and \$4 million.

Warnstaff said that the project is consistent with the city's master road plan.

He said, however, that certain water and sewer lines would have to be relocated and that it appeared that the city had made a commitment in 1985 to pay the cost of relocation which would come to approximately \$350,000. This money would come from the water and sewer enterprise fund.

Scott said that the new agreement goes beyond the first cost participation agreement offered. He said that the developer has agreed to 14 re-

quirements pertaining to the appearance, character and development of the shopping center.

Among them are architectural design and exterior building materials, principal uses on the site building permit approval for each principal building located on the property site, landscaping, fencing, screening of dumpsters and signage.

Also excluded uses would be after-hour clubs, outdoor amusement facilities, wholesale distribution operations, bingo halls and flea markets. Fast food uses with drive-through services would be designed so that no drive-through stations would be located on any building portion fronting Ferrell

Parkway or Upton Drive.

Considerable attention was given to pedestrian and bicycle use. The developer would install and maintain a pedestrian circulation pattern along with bicycle storage.

Scott said that recognizing that the B-2 zoning on each side of Upton Drive is not appropriate, that the developer would apply for downzoning to a classification that permitted retirement housing, assisted living institutions, day care facilities, multi-family housing with a density of up to 12 units per acre or recreation/community services.

Scott said also that planners wanted the parking lot broken up by pedestrian walkways.

City Council makes rules for itself

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

Under City Council's new house rules, members are admonished to "treat each other with respect — no personal attacks or 'zingers.'"

But that is not all. In addition to the code of conduct, council Tuesday also adopted guidelines for council operations under protocol and guidelines for liaisons.

Councilwoman Margaret Eure, who had criticized some of the language and even content of the rules.

The package, which had been discussed in the recent City Council retreat, were approved unanimously except that Eure voted against the zoning matters provision under council protocol.

Here, the mayor and City Council agree there will be no commitments to developers and zoning applicants prior to council action. The council member could meet with developers after Planning Commission has met and made its recommendations. There is a misconception that a developer and/or zoning applicant needs to go to the district council representative for

her or his sign-off and/or endorsement.

Eure, in a letter submitted with her vote, said that "after Planning Commission has met and made its

recommendation" should be deleted. She said that "depending on the complexity of a project, or the zoning, to save cost, developers have, over the years, consulted planning

and/or council members concerning a prospective project. Both public bodies should clearly understand that they are not at liberty to make a commitment before the public hearings. Meeting with applicants should be left up to the district council member's discretion."

"I strongly disagree," said Eure, "that a misconception that a developer and/or zoning applicant needs to go to the district council representative for her or his sign-off and/or endorsement." This is not true and the attorneys know better. If an attorney or developer misquotes a planning or council member, it can be corrected in open session.

The code of conduct says that committee members and liaisons are responsible for informing council and representing council's position, respect each other's opinion and point of view, allow time to discuss issues, keep closed session discussions closed and treat everybody equally.

The protocol section addressed closed session confidentiality, council requests to various departments, sharing information and false or inaccurate information,

New Independence students get sneak preview

Wednesday, Sept. 1 from 7 to 8 p.m. is the time for all Independence Middle School sixth graders to visit their classrooms and meet the administrators and teachers. Seventh and eighth grade students new to the school may also attend at that time, however, only sixth graders will be attending. The open house orientation for seventh and eighth graders is scheduled for Sept. 21.

The meeting will begin in the cafeteria. Parents are required to attend with their student. Students and parents will be given a brief overview of the school. Students will then have the opportunity to tour the building and meet in their classrooms with their teachers. Parents will receive additional information from school staff during

that time. Participants are encouraged to bring any questions they may have pertaining to the school program. Guidance counselors will also be available to answer questions at the meetings.

In addition, students will be given the opportunity to purchase science goggles, order gym suits and reserve yearbooks at the meeting. Parents will be able to join the PTA (\$4) also. Anyone wishing to purchase these items prior to the opening of school may see the bookkeeper between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Student schedules were mailed Aug. 18. Anyone who did not receive a schedule should contact the guidance department, 460-7501.

Beach forum explores Y2K issues

By Kate Wagner
Correspondent

Some people are sick of hearing about it. Others are saying it's the end of the world.

It's a name that has become too common in the workplace, the household and on the street. It's Y2K.

Officials in Hampton Roads told residents at last week's Y2K Community Conversation that everything is in place and — while it is not guaranteed — there should be no unnecessary fears.

But some Hampton Roads residents were not so easily assured.

"I think this event leads the public to believe its safe in order to diminish fear," said one Hampton Roads woman. "I'm still worried, and I will stick up on food."

Another Hampton Roads woman was worried because she had the Japanese airlines were not Y2K compliant.

The Community Conversation was held at the Virginia Beach Pavilion with the purpose of educating Hampton Roads residents about Y2K and to urge them for preparedness.

"There are 135 days until the year 2000," said Virginia Beach Mayor Meyera Oberndorf. "It is important to focus on preparations that have been made and the work to be done for a smooth transition into the year 2000."

"It is critical for companies to continue to provide services. No one can guarantee perfection," said John Kosinen, chairman of the President's Council on Year 2000 Conservation. "If you just wait and see, you will discover it is a problem. That's why I encourage everyone to have a backup plan."

Kosinen said he has two major concerns when dealing with the Y2K issue. One is public overreaction and panic. The other is the "wait and see" attitude where people don't think about preparedness.

"We will continue to provide the public with the information we have," said Kosinen. "We are confident that the major infrastructure of the United States will hold and function on Jan. 1, 2000."

He explained that there are more risks.

"There are currently 800,000 small businesses planning to take

"The hospitals in this area have a check point to insure compliance. We are working independently, but we all see it the same way, there is no crisis."

Bertram Reese,
Sentara Healthcare

no action," explained Kosinen. "The goal is to increase the likelihood of these companies to pay attention and to deal with this issue."

Kosinen stated that communities need to work together in order to be successful.

"I want this to be the last headache and not the first challenge of the year 2000," said Kosinen.

As the sound system faded and the teleconference with residents participating from Christopher Newport University didn't run smoothly, Mayor Oberndorf said it was proof that "if something can go wrong, it will."

Major companies in Hampton Roads are confident that will not be the case for Y2K.

"We've been working on this problem for over three years," said Charles Gwaltney of Bell Atlantic. "We are compliant as of July 1. The network will operate like it does now and I don't expect any major effects."

William Mistr of Virginia Power agreed.

"We have dozens of contingency plans in place," he said. "We have alternative suppliers (for items such as fuel) if our current suppliers are unable to perform. We believe there will not be any interruptions in service."

Navy Capt. Bob Whitkop believes preparation is the key to a smooth transition.

"Every individual has to be prepared," said Mark Marchbank of Public Safety and Emergency Services. "We are working independently, but we all see it the same way, there is no crisis."

"We are educating the sailors and also the families who will be left behind by issuing pamphlets for readiness," said Whitkop.

Many people are more worried

about their money in the bank than anything else.

"The banks are the safest and best place to leave your money," said Walter Ayers of the Virginia Bankers Association. "If your money is in your account it is insured and it will be recovered if anything happens."

To reduce the risk of something happening, Ayers said the banks are Y2K ready. He explained that banks are heavily regulated and there have already been three on-site examinations for Y2K readiness. They found that only a fraction of 1 percent of the banks are not prepared.

For those who are still worried about not having access to their money, Ayers said, "Take out the same amount that you would for any long weekend. There is not a chip in a check or a credit card, these are Y2K compliant."

For those who have made travel plans for New Year's, Arlene Feldman of the Federal Aviation Administration said to rest assured.

"One of our administrators is flying over the U.S. on New Year's to prove that we are Y2K compliant," said Feldman. "Individual national vary in their approach. There are more than 90 countries that fly in the United States. Notice will be made so everyone will know which countries have become Y2K compliant. We (the United States) are proud to be compliant."

Residents who have a loved one being cared for in the hospital have even more to worry about. Will the hospital's technology still be running when the ball drops on Jan. 1?

Bertram Reese of Sentara Healthcare said that it will.

"We have generators in case the power goes. Hospitals are used to resetting equipment with clocking functions every daylight savings," said Reese.

"The hospitals in this area have a check point to insure compliance," continued Reese. "We are working independently, but we all see it the same way, there is no crisis."

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for the year 2000."

"We've been responding to disasters for over 100 years," said Roger Baldwin of the American Red Cross. "Prepare yourself the same way you would prepare for a hurricane. Get a kit with water, non-perishable food and warm clothes that will last from three days to a week. This is normal preparedness and not Y2K hoarding."

One Hampton Roads woman summed up the crowds feelings when she said, half-jokingly, "The way the sound system and teleconference are working today doesn't give me a whole lot of faith that Y2K will go so smoothly."

LEGAL NOTICES

Virginia:

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, September 14, 1999 at 2:00 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:
DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE

1. An Ordinance upon Application of Oceana Associates, L.L.C., a Virginia limited liability company for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-5D Residential Duplex District to Conditional I-1 Light Industrial District on certain property located at the northwest intersection of Dam Neck Road and Holland Road (CPIN #1495-04-8448, #1495-14-4830, #1495-14-5681 & #1495-14-1732).

The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional I-1 is for light industrial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for a variety of uses including business parks and appropriately located industrial uses in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 12.88 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:
DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE

6. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Ruth W. & John Taylor. Property is located at 5061 Morris Neck Road (CPIN #2319-36-3505). DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AEE

City Clerk

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DISTRICT 6 - BEACH

2. An Ordinance upon Application of J.T.M. Development Corp., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from RT-3 Resort Tourist District to Conditional A-36 Apartment District on the west side of Southside Road on Block L, Lots 13, 14, 25, Parcel 13-V and remains of Lots 9-12 & 22-24. Rudes Heights (CPIN #2427-21-3271; #2427-21-4215; #2427-21-4278; #2427-21-5213; #2427-21-4168). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional A-36 is for multi-family residential land use at a density no greater than 36 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for resort uses in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcels contain 39,639.6 square feet. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

3. An Ordinance upon Application of Wendell C. Franklin for a Change of Zoning District Classification from RT-3 Resort Tourist District to Conditional A-36 Apartment District on certain property located at the southeast intersection of North Birdneck Road and Pavilion Drive (CPIN #2417-66-2734, #2417-66-0899, #2417-57-9034). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional A-16 is for multi-family residential land use at a density no greater than 36 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for resort uses including lodging, retail, entertainment, recreational and other uses in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 8.889 acres more or less. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:
DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN

4. An Ordinance upon Application of The Friends School of Virginia Beach for a Conditional Use Permit for a private school south of Laskin Road and east of the eastern extremity of Donna Boulevard. Said parcels located at 1537 Laskin Road and contains 1.32 acres. DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN.

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Hall Auto World for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle sales and service on the north side of Virginia Beach Boulevard, west of Cranston Lane (CPIN #1487-95-6422). Said parcel is located at 3252 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 1.194 acres. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL.

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:
DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE

6. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Ruth W. & John Taylor. Property is located at 5061 Morris Neck Road (CPIN #2319-36-3505). DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

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sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on September 24, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 18, Block K, "Plat of Level Green Subdivision, Site One, Part Three." Tax Map #1456-31-3069-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$8,600.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.

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Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
3903 Kiwanis Loop
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Nicole Ann Phillips dated November 3, 1995 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3564, page 1023, securing a loan which was originally \$55,879.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on September 10, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 2, Section K, "Amended Plat of Resubdivision of Salem Lakes, Section K, Kempville Borough." Tax Map #1484-09-8658-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$5,400.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
TIME SHARE ESTATES AT
FOUR SAILS RESORT
VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA

In execution of deeds of trust from the Grantees described below (the "Deeds of Trust"), each of which were recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, (the "Clerk's Office"), at the Deed Book and Page numbers described below, default having been made in the payment of the respective debts secured, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at One Columbus Center, Suite 1100, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462-6765, on September 13, 1999, at 9:30 a.m., the Time-Share Estates listed below, located at Four Sails Resort, 3301 Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, Virginia, and more particularly described in the Deeds of Trust listed below.

Grants: Kenneth G. Baker, Jr., Linda D. Pasta; Time-Share Estate No.: 405/40; Dated: August 22, 1993; Deed of Trust Book/Page: 3339/2172.

Christopher L. Dickson, Margaret C. Dickson; 405/39; September 27, 1993; 3343/0321.

Earnest R. Dinkens, Linda M. Dinkens; 701/50; May 22, 1993; 3332/195.

Geoffrey C. Edwards, Reta Hayes-Edwards; 1203/05; June 6, 1993; 3303/0422.

Lawrence B. Fridley; 705/25; September 26, 1996; 3702/2144.

Carl V. Jamerson; 505/33; September 1, 1995; 3577/1053.

Alan A. Larsen, Judith A. Larsen; 1201/29; Jan 18, 1997; 3751/2082.

Albert Eric McKinney; PH1/72; January 9, 1995; 3503/2125.

James A. Sanford, Leslie A. Sanford; 604/16; March 5, 1993; 3235/0116.

Brenda C. Spry; 805/10; October 3, 1993; 3345/0389.

Maurice D. Weaver, Caroline D. Weaver; PH3/51; October 31, 1992; 3194/0750.

Michelle R. Wilcox-Marks; 405/33; August 21, 1997; 3835/0987.

The sale shall be made subject to all existing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the real estate including the Project and Time-Share Instrument for Four Sails Resort, dated August 9, 1988, recorded in the Clerk's Office in Deed Book 2762, page 1291, as amended and restated.

Terms: Cash. Settlement within 10 days of sale. A bidder's deposit not to exceed \$100,000 may be required.

Wilson L. Rivers
Joseph R. Mayes
Trustees

For Information Contact:
Wilson L. Rivers
Joseph R. Mayes
Wolcott, Rivers, Wheary,
Barnight & Kelly, P.C.
One Columbus Center, Suite 1100

Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462
(757) 497-6633

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
3939 Seaman Road
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Darrell W. Usery dated December 13, 1996 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3690, page 1147, securing a loan which was originally \$75,950.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on September 17, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 5, in Block OO, as shown on that certain plat entitled "RE-SUBDIVISION PLAT OF BLOCK GG, SECTION ONE AND BLOCKS CC, DD, EE, JJ, KK, LL, MM, NN AND OO, SECTION FOUR, THALIA WAYSIDE TOWNHOMES, KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH, VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA." Tax Map #1487-15-1399-000A.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$7,500.00, cash or certi-

fied check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Virginia Beach Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, September 8, 1999 at 12:00 Noon in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Princess Anne Court-house, Virginia Beach, Virginia. A briefing session will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall Building. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION IS NOT A FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION, BUT ONLY A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL. AS THE VIEW POINT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION, FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION IS TO BE MADE BY CITY COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE. AFTER PUBLIC NOTICE IN A NEWSPAPER HAVING GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE CITY.

THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE PUBLIC HEARING SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT, FOR REASONS THE PLANNING COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE, CERTAIN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE HEARD OUT OF ORDER AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE ASSUMED THAT THE ORDER LISTED BELOW WILL BE EXACTLY FOLLOWED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

The staff reviews of some or all of the items on this agenda suggest that certain conditions be attached to approval by City Council. However, it should not be assumed that those conditions constitute all the conditions that will ultimately be attached to the project. Staff agencies may impose further conditions and requirements during administration of applicable city ordinances.

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:

1. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for South Hampton Roads Habitat for Humanity, Inc. Property is located on the west side of N. Lynnhaven Road, 98 feet north of Congress Street (GPIN #1487-89-8038), DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

2. An Ordinance upon Application of Chinese Community Association of Hampton Roads, Inc. for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-7.5 Residential District to Conditional B-1 Neighborhood Business District on certain property located on the east side of Newtown Road beginning at a point 450 feet more or less north of Daniel Smith Road (GPIN #1468-41-4346, #1468-42-3028). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-1 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential/low density at densities that are compatible with single family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 41.31 acres. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE.

3. An Ordinance upon Application of RADD, LLC, a Virginia limited liability company for a Change of Zoning District Classification from Conditional B-1A Limited Community Business District to Conditional B-1A Limited Community Business District with modified proffers on certain property located on the west side of General Booth Boulevard, 150 feet more or less north of Ferry Parkway (GPIN #2414-05-5571). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-1A is for neighborhood commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for retail, office and other uses compatible with residential areas in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 1.4 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

4. An Ordinance upon Application

of Alexandria Place, L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-5D Residential Duplex District to A-12 Apartment District on certain property located on the north side of Lynnhaven Parkway beginning at a point 200 feet more or less west of Monument Drive. The proposed zoning classification change to A-12 is for multi-family land use at a density no greater than 12 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential/medium & high densities that are compatible with multi-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 1.73 acres (GPIN #1454-87-3083). DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE.

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Chris Etzel for a Change of Zoning District Classification from A-12 Apartment District to R-T3 Resort Tourist District on the west side of Pacific Avenue, 50 feet north of 35th Street (GPIN #2418-93-8549). The proposed zoning classification change to R-T3 is for resort tourist/leisure land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for resort uses including lodging, retail, entertainment and other uses in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 3502 Pacific Avenue and contains 6,250 square feet. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

MODIFICATION TO LAND USE PLAN

6. An Ordinance upon Application of Spirit House, Inc., for a modification to the Green Run Land Use Plan to allow a group home on certain property located on the east side of Pecan Court, south of Primrose Lane (GPIN #1485-77-5378). Said parcel is located at 1435 Pecan Court and contains 9,120 square feet more or less. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

7. An Ordinance upon Application of The City of Refuge Christian Church of Virginia for a Conditional Use Permit for a church on certain property located on the east side of Princess Anne Road, 745 feet more or less south of Gum Bridge Road (GPIN #2401-95-5408). Said parcel is located at 1344 Princess Anne Road and contains 15.67 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

8. An Ordinance upon Application of Nextel Communications, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a wireless communication facility located at the eastern extremity of Rosemont Road at its intersection with Dam Neck Road (GPIN #1495-01-2832). Said parcel contains 2,154 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

9. An Ordinance upon Application of David P. Maher - Motor Sports Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for used motor vehicle sales and repair on Lots 12 and 13, Block 11 and on Lot 14, Block 11 (GPIN #2407-84-3975, #2407-84-3955, #2407-84-4902). Said parcel is located at 1680 Indiana Avenue and contains 12,642 square feet. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

10. An Ordinance upon Application of The Potter's House Christian Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a church at the southeast corner of Holland Road and Diana Lee Drive (GPIN #1486-73-7186). Said parcel is located at 3452 Holland Road and contains 3.119 acres. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL.

MODIFICATION OF CONDITIONS:

11. Application of Robert L. Nelson (West Landing Marina) for the modification of conditions placed on the application for a conditional use permit for a boat storage facility and a commercial marina on October 14, 1997. Property is located at 2748 West Landing Road. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

12. Application of Tidewater Automobile Association of Virginia, Inc., for the modification of conditions placed on the application for a rezoning from A-1 to B-2 and a conditional use permit for motor vehicle sales and repair, and also repair and service facilities on July 14, 1986. Property is located at 5366 Virginia Beach Boulevard. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE.

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 8/11/99:

13. An Ordinance upon Application of RA Development Company, L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-10 Residential District and O-1 Office District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on certain property located at the southwest corner of Diamond Springs Road and Wesleyan Drive (GPIN #1468-34-6987, #1468-35-2141). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential/low density at densities that are compatible with single family

use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 3.17 acres. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE.

14. An Ordinance upon Application of Rick E. Burnell/Commercial Investment Properties, L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from A-12 Apartment District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on certain property located at the southwest intersection of N. Birdneck Road and Americus Avenue (GPIN #2417-56-2566, #2417-56-3651, #2417-56-4495, #2417-56-5681). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential/medium & high density at densities that are compatible with single family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 1.95 acres. DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN.

15. An Ordinance upon Application of Rick E. Burnell/Commercial Investment Properties, L.L.C., for a Conditional Use Permit for an automobile service station in conjunction with a convenience store on certain property located at the southwest intersection of N. Birdneck Road and Americus Avenue (GPIN #2417-56-2566, #2417-56-3651, #2417-56-4495, #2417-56-5681). Said parcel contains 1.95 acres. DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN.

16. An Ordinance upon Application of Eric Fox for a Conditional Use Permit for a noncommercial pier on certain property located on the south side of N. Woodhouse Road at the intersection with Cherry Lane (GPIN #2408-89-4338). Said parcel contains 16,688 square feet. DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN.

17. An Ordinance upon Application of Triangle Rent-A-Car, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for an automobile rental facility on the south side of Virginia Beach Boulevard, east of Fair Meadows Road (GPIN #1467-37-9683). Said parcel is located at 5501 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 40,911.5 square feet. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE.

18. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia to amend the Comprehensive Plan appendix to adopt design guidelines for retail establishments, large, and to adopt a policy governing traffic impact studies.

19. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia to amend Section 111 of the City Zoning Ordinance to establish the definition of "retail establishment, large."

20. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia to amend the City Zoning Ordinance by adding Section 240.1 to establish submittal requirements for large retail establishments and set forth standards for the granting or denial of conditional use permits for such use.

21. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia to amend Section 901 of the City Zoning Ordinance to establish retail establishments, large, as a conditional use in the B-2 Community Business and B-3 Central Business Districts, eliminating such use in the B-1 Neighborhood Business District, the B-1A Limited Community Business District, the B-3A Pembroke Central Business Core District and the B-4 Resort Commercial District.

22. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia to amend Section 111 of the City Zoning Ordinance to define "parking garages."

23. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia to add Section 239.03 to establish submittal requirements for parking garages and set forth standards for the granting or denial of conditional use permits for such use.

24. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia to amend Sections 601, 702, 801, 901, 1001, 1501, 1511, 1521 and 1531, establishing parking garages as a conditional use in the Apartments Districts, Hotel District, Office Districts, Business Districts, Industrial Districts, the RT-1 Resort Tourist District, the RT-2 Resort Tourist District, the RT-3 Resort Tourist District and the RT-4 Resort Tourist District.

25. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia to amend the Comprehensive Plan appendix to adopt design guidelines for parking garages.

26. Application of Lee and Denise Barnes for the modification of recorded proffers for the application for a change of zoning from R-10 to Conditional B-2 for Joseph Overholt, Trustee Overholt Trust on July 1, 1997. Said property is located at 1629 Salem Road (GPIN #1475-84-2959). DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Robert J. Scott
Planning Director

Copies of the proposed ordinances, resolutions and amendments are on file and may be examined in the Department of Planning. For information call 427-4621.

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303. Hearing impaired call: TDD only at 427-4305. (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf).

The Planning Commission Agenda is available on the City's Internet Home Page on the Thursday prior to each regularly-scheduled meeting at www.virginia-beach.va.us/cityhall/planning/Board%20agendas.htm

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
1345 Eagle Avenue
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In execution of a Deed of Trust from Michael A. Clark and Janice M. Savage-Clark, dated June 26, 1996 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3633, page 0093, securing a loan which was originally \$96,200.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on September 3, 1999 at 8:04 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 49, in Block A, as shown on the plat GREEN RUN SUBDIVISION P.U.D., Section A-3, Part 3. Tax Map #1485-56-3036-000A.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

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Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE VIRGINIA BEACH CIRCUIT COURT CLERKS OFFICE
IN RE: Thomas J. Appgar, 458-23-5423, Plaintiff v.
Dana E. Appgar, 218-86-8023, Defendant

Case No. CH99-1844

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is for Divorce A Vinculo Matrimonii upon the grounds of having lived separate & apart without any cohabitation & without any interruption for over one year.

It is ORDERED that Dana E. Appgar appear and protect her interest, on or before October 4, 1999, which date is no sooner than fifty days after entry of this order of publication.

And it is further ORDERED that this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in this City prescribed by this court.

Date: August 11, 1999

J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK

By Valerie B. Haizlip, Deputy Clerk

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DOCUMENT 00020 - INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bids are invited for the Powhatan Army project at Powhatan County, Powhatan, Virginia, State Project No. 123-16209, VAFM Project No. 980001, Federal Project No. 510021, Architect's Project No. 98-01. This project is generally described as a new one-story armory of approximately 28,456 square feet. The Work includes spread concrete footings, concrete slab-on-grade floors, masonry walls, steel roof structure, built-up and metal panel roofing, interior finishes, miscellaneous specialties, site work, plumbing systems, mechanical systems, electrical systems and incidental related work.

Sealed bids in duplicate will be received at the office of Facilities and Engineering, Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Military Affairs, VAFM-AE (PRN 160), 10th Street and Rives Road, Building 316, Fort Pickett, Blackstone, Virginia 23824-6316. The deadline for submitting bids is 2:00 P.M. sharp, as determined by the Bid Officer, on September 21, 1999.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for 10:00 A.M. on September 2, 1999, in the Powhatan County Administration Building, 3834 Old Buckingham Road, Powhatan, Virginia, in the Board Room. Participation is a prerequisite to submitting a bid proposal, all interested persons must attend this meeting.

The Contract shall be awarded on a lump sum basis for the Base Bid.

The Invitation for Bids for the above project, including drawings and specifications, dated August 25, 1999, containing the information necessary for bidding, may be obtained from the office of the Architect, Krummell & Associates, 2712 Southern Blvd., Suite 201, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23452 (Ph: 757-340-8336) beginning August 30, 1999. The Architect's office is the only point where contract information will be disseminated.

Contractors may secure the loan of up to two (2) sets of drawings and specifications from the Architect upon depositing \$200.00 set. A nonrefundable shipping charge of \$35.00 per set is required for all sets requiring shipment, made out in a separate check from the documents, postage paid and in good condition, within ten (10) days following the date of receipt of bids, this deposit will be refunded in full.

Request for Bid Documents must be accompanied by a written statement showing the name, mailing address and telephone number of the firm or individual requesting the documents.

Copies of the Invitation for Bids documents, including the plans and the specifications will be available for inspection at the following locations:

F.W. Dodge Plan Room	Richmond, VA
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Builder's Exchange	Newport News, VA
Builder's Exchange	Norfolk, VA
Builder's Exchange	Richmond, VA
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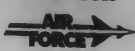
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- Breastfed infants are five times less likely to be diagnosed with urinary tract infections between 0 and 6 months of age.
- Breastfed babies are one-third less likely to die of SIDS.

Health department urges new moms to breast feed

By Virginia Dept. of Health

There's no greater bond between a mother and her child than the one created by breastfeeding. But, according to the Virginia Department of Health, only about half of the new moms take advantage of this loving and natural connection to their babies.

"It's unfortunate that fewer women are giving breastfeeding a chance," said Acting State Health Commissioner Dr. E. Anne Peterson. "It's something in the mother's control that can make a big difference in the life of her child."

A national survey conducted annually by Ross Laboratories indicates that only about 54 percent initiate breastfeeding and only 20 percent continue to do so by the time their babies are 6 months old.

Healthy Children 2000, a federal initiative adopted by Virginia, has a goal of 75 percent of women initiating breastfeeding when their baby is born and 50 percent continuing for at least six months.

The state health department is making a special effort to promote the benefits of breastfeeding during August, which is Breastfeeding Awareness Month in Virginia.

"We want women to know that breastfeeding promotes a baby's present and future health and also benefits Mom by lessening her risk of osteoporosis and breast, ovarian and cervical cancers," said Dr. Donald Stern, director of the Virginia Department of Health's Office of

Family Health Services.

Breast milk digests easily and provides infants with a superior, well-balanced source of nutrition that reduces allergies and protects babies from disease, asthma and diabetes. Fewer breastfed babies die from sudden infant death syndrome, and they have less heart disease and cancer later in life.

Another benefit of breastfeeding is that it appears to enhance babies' cognitive development and intelligence. A series of studies shows that children who were breastfed as infants do better in school and have higher IQ levels, by as much as eight points.

Breastfeeding coordinators throughout the state train peer counselors to help low-income mothers learn how to breastfeed. The coordinators also provide helpful materials for nurses and hospitals to encourage more new moms to be breastfeeding their babies.

Breastfeeding is most common among white, educated, higher income women, although more low-income black women are choosing to nurse their babies. A statewide breastfeeding initiative, funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's WIC program and administered by the Virginia Department of Health, is working to further close the gap.

For additional information on the program call your local health department.

82 graduated from Beach Infant Program

They sit in a circle singing songs. They play with blocks or look at pictures. They work out on mats or tilt boards. These may sound like the daily activities of any pre-schoolers. But for the group of children enrolled in the Virginia Beach Infant Program, these activities represent significant milestones.

And 82 of the children enrolled in the program had an even bigger milestone — as Mayor Meyera E. Oberndorf presented them with diplomas during their graduation ceremony.

The Virginia Beach Infant Program, part of the state of services offered by the city's Community Services Board, serves children from birth to age 3, who have developmental delays and their families. These developmental delays may be a result of many factors such as prematurity, Down Syndrome, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, speech delays, sensory concerns or other conditions. For the parents of the 200 children enrolled, the program offers hope, comfort and a chance to learn the tools for working successfully with their special children.

"Imagine being pregnant, carrying a child for nine months, waiting anxiously for the child's birth so that you can hold and cuddle and love him, and then finding when

the baby is born that he is averse to your touch. He cries or cringes when you try to hold him," said Ellen Powers, program coordinator. "This can be devastating for parents who may feel that they are the problem."

But this is not so. This tactile defensiveness, or aversion to touch, is one developmental delay that is often seen in premature babies whose systems have not yet fully developed. Teachers at the infant program may work with these children and their parents by playing with glue, sand and other textures, to develop the infant's sense of touch. Working in conjunction with occupational therapy, these techniques often lead to miraculous results for these infants and their parents.

The staff of two full-time and four part-time teachers also help to develop feeding skills, communication skills and address other needs by working with families at home or in the classroom. Children are grouped based on their abilities, so that individual needs may be met.

The program was started in 1976 by a local church and was assumed by the Community Services Board in the 1980s.

For more information on the Virginia Beach Infant Program call, 437-6241.

Church hosts Family Festival

Sovereign Grace Church of Virginia Beach will present its Family Festival at the Chesapeake City Park on Greenbrier Parkway Sept. 4 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event is designed as a free service to the Chesapeake community and will transform the park into a family-oriented, fun-filled event at absolutely no cost to the guests.

There will be free food including hot dogs, sno-cones, popcorn and cotton candy. Free entertainment including sing-alongs, clowns, hayrides, face painting, water games and free door prizes.

The Family Festival will provide a day filled with fun for the entire family. Sovereign Grace Church would like to invite the public to come and enjoy this festival as our way of sharing God's love in a practical way.

Sovereign Grace Church is an 11-year old church affiliated with PDI Ministries of Gainesburg, Md. It meets at Salem Middle School on Lynnhaven Parkway in Virginia Beach, Sunday morning at 10 a.m.

For more information call Sovereign Grace Church, 436-7264.

Cultivating an image is necessity

People who know me readily agree that I don't spend much time or effort in cultivating either an image or a reputation. As far as I'm concerned, substance is far more important than



Out in Left Field

By Bob Ruegger, columnist

While the citizens of the colonial capitals of Williamsburg and Philadelphia undoubtedly shared like experiences, 20th century Philadelphia has made a significant concession that Colonial Williamsburg — so far — has not.

Horse-drawn carriages in Philadelphia today are required to be equipped

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with rear-baggers, so to speak. In contrast—for the sake of historic precision—carriages, carts and wagons drawn by oxen and horses in Colonial Williamsburg lack such conveniences. Williamsburg's laissez faire approach to the accompanying peril is commendable.

The most distinguishable difference that visitors note can be summed up in three words—aromatic road apples. When walking down the center of Duke of Gloucester or Nicholson streets, it's almost impossible—without a conscious effort—to completely avoid the often pungent horse droppings. One errant step and the visitor gets in touch with one of the realities of antiquity and, in addition, harvests the bonus of an unwanted souvenir. But that's a small part of the 18th century experience—the real sights and smells of colo-

nial America. I wouldn't have it any other way, and neither would any all-American patriot or loyalist.

American history, particularly the American Revolution, has been so sanitized in textbooks and on television that even the founding fathers would not recognize some of the manufactured for posterity chronicles. Cleaning up the streets of Colonial Williamsburg, like attempting to expunge the historic fact of slavery, would be a huge mistake. In comprehending history and the significance of historic events, it is imperative that we look beyond the lovely window dressings and out into the mean streets of the past.

While aimlessly wandering down Nicholson Street one hot August afternoon with my camera hanging around my neck, an idea struck me when my left foot accidentally encountered a fresh cluster of odoriferous road apples. After initially expressing mild disgust under my breath, I started to think. And that's exactly where the trouble ordinarily begins.

I entertained the thought that these authentic colonial horse droppings might inspire my 20th century Hungarian yellow wax, Jalapeno hot, and Cubanelle sweet pepper plants to flourish. Visions of Jalapeno peppers as large as bananas danced in my head.

Every spring, I have added five or six bags of composted cow manure to the soil in my garden.

"This fresh horse manure might work wonders in generating prize winning peppers," I thought. Before that thought died of loneliness, I set to work gathering fertilizer for my pepper garden.

I was certain that George Wythe, Thomas Jefferson and St. George Tucker would have endorsed my enthusiasm. I envisioned the trio tipping their hats and collectively saying, "Very well done, sir."

I imagined acknowledging their consolidated compliment, and mentally I bowed graciously and thanked them. Physically, I continued my trek down Nicholson Street. I have found through experience that there is usually a significant disparity between reverie and reality. As fortune would have it, this flight of fantasy was entirely consistent with my previous experiences.

Having no premeditated notion of collecting material for an agricultural experiment, it became necessary for me to improvise on the spot. Doggedly, without ever considering any of the possible consequences, I began to take the necessary steps to make my dream a reality.

First, I extracted a discarded plastic bag and a couple of empty paper cups from a trash receptacle at the southwest corner of Nicholson and Botetourt streets.

Next, I followed the fresh trail down Nicholson Street to the entrance lane of the CW employee parking lot. Then I opened up the plastic bag and began scooping up the road apples in the paper cups, taking extreme care



COLONIAL AMBIANCE. In front of the Peyton Randolph House, visitors are treated to the authentic sights, sounds and smells of 18th-century America.

not to taint my hands with nature's organic fragrance.

I heard light footsteps approaching on the pavement and glanced up to see a lady that I recognized in elegant colonial garb. I discontinued my scooping and stood up long enough to acknowledge her presence and extend a greeting.

"Good afternoon," I said great apologetically, bowing graciously.

"Good day, sir," she replied rather icily as she hurried along.

"Isn't that just like a Carter, Randolph or Burwell," I thought.

When I glanced in each of my hands, I realized—at least part of the reason—for her unusual coolness. Clearly, Lady Burwell (or whoever she was that day) was not in the habit of associating with "unsavory gentlemen" of any sort.

Enthusiastically resumed gathering the malodorous deposits. "Thank God for plastic bags," I muttered to myself.

"What kind of bags, sir?" asked a familiar voice. Again, I looked up. It was James Ireland, the itinerant Baptist preacher who roams the grounds of The Capitol.

"Good day, sir," said I pleasantly enough.

"Gathering a store of ammunition for the pillory?" queried Reverend Ireland carrying his Bible in one hand and shaking his walking stick in the other. He continued on his way without missing a step.

"A little something for that insufferable Tory Goodrich," I shouted back

playing along with his unexpected repartee.

I went back to work directly. When I estimated that I had collected sufficient fecal matter for my agricultural experiment, I added an additional clump or two for good measure and finally stood upright, barely remembering not to wipe my hands on my khaki shorts.

Just as I had concluded my acquisition of experimental essence, Patrick Henry strode into my line of sight. I stood there with one cup in my slightly soiled hands. Frankly, I was a little embarrassed.

"Good day, Mr. Henry," I said, offering the great orator my hand without really thinking.

"Good day," he replied. "For the garden, I presume," he smiled. Mr. Henry kept both hands fixed securely to his walking stick.

"Yes," I confirmed with a sheepish grin. I was almost speechless. There was no point in hiding my intent. The great orator, lawyer, and statesman immediately recognized horse manure when he saw it, and I was left standing there, somewhat embarrassed, with my hand extended in brotherhood.

As an aspiring journalist, I can ill afford to be associated, either literally or figuratively, with horse excrement. While I hope those Jalapeno pepper plants appreciate my endeavors on their behalfs, I'm fervently praying that the editors with whom I work never get wind of this indiscretion.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chorale auditions slated Sept. 12

The Virginia Beach Chorale, under the direction of Lou Sawyer, will hold auditions on Sunday, Sept. 12 at 2 p.m. and Monday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Thalia Trinity Presbyterian Church, 420 Thalia Rd. Come with a prepared audition piece; an accompanist will be provided.

The Virginia Beach Chorale rehearses on Monday evenings from September through May and presents at least two public concerts a year. The group of approximately 65 voices sings both popular and classical pieces.

For more information call, 486-1464.

Explore ecology, nature at Back Bay

Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge will host "Exploring Ecology and Nature" with Vickie Shuler Sunday, Aug. 29 from 9 to 11 a.m. Join refuge volunteer Shuler as she lends her humor, enthusiasm and broad range of knowledge of general ecology and nature on a leisurely walk through Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

Pre-registration is required for this program.

For more information and to pre-register call, 721-2412. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. The program will be held in the Visitor Contact Station at Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

Neptune Festival Air Show soars with two jet teams

The award-winning air show at Naval Air Station Oceana is bringing not one, but two military jet demonstration teams to the Beach, Sept. 17-19.

Oceana is the only show in the United States to host both the U.S. Navy Blue Angels and the Canadian Forces Snowbirds in 1999.

However, that's only the beginning of an action-packed family weekend at the Navy's largest Master Jet Base. The world's best parachute teams, the U.S. Army Golden Knights and the Canadian Sky Hawks, will also entertain air show fans with their own version of precision flight.

Gates open to the public for a riveting Twilight Show at 5 p.m., Friday, Sept. 17. This unique show features a rare twilight performance by the Snowbirds, plus the Blue Angels' Fat Albert (C-130) Jet-Assisted Take Off, the F-14 Tomcat, Red Baron Stearman Squadron, the Golden Knights and Sky Hawks, the B-1 Bomber, a triple engine jet truck, a MiG-17 and a hang glider equipped with special pyrotechnics.

Following the fireworks, new country music artists David Lee Murphy and the Wilkinsons will take the stage at Hangar 404. The concert is free and starts at 8:30 p.m.

On Saturday and Sunday, the gates open at 8 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. Vintage warbirds launch a day of non-stop flying and thrills as Oceana showcases the finest military and civilian aviators. Additional performers include the following: Jimmy Franklin Wing Walking and his Red Rocket, Red Baron

Stearman Squadron, three-time national champion Patty Wagstaff, Tiger Tom Klassen's Sukhoi, MiG-17, F-104 Starfighters, T-6 Texan Demo, the Horsemen (P-51 Mustangs), Air Force Heritage Flight, Navy Legacy Flight, F-14 Demonstration, F-15 Demonstration, F-16 Demonstration, F-117 Demonstration, F-14 and F/A-18 Bombing Demonstration, Canadian Hornet Demonstration, P-3 Demonstration, T-38 Fly By and the Navy Fleet Fly By.

In addition to the action in the sky, families will have plenty of ground entertainment from which to choose, whether its viewing the more than 80 static aircraft, riding

a motion simulator or enjoying the activities in the WAVY-TV 10/Kmart Consumer Expo Concessions are also available.

Admission and parking are free, however, the show offers a reserved seating area for those who do not wish to bring their own lawn chair. Save 50 percent off the ticket price by purchasing your seating tickets in advance from an area Hamsford Grocery and Drug Superstore.

Naval Air Station Oceana is home to all U.S. F-14 Tomcat Squadrons and 10 newly-arrived F/A-18 Hornet Squadrons.

The Air Show Information Line is 427-3580, ext. 889.

31st Street Park public design workshop slated

The city of Virginia Beach invites residents of Virginia Beach to a workshop on Monday, Aug. 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Theater Rehearsal Hall of the Pavilion Convention Center, 1000 19th Street. This workshop is being held to solicit public input for the design of the oceanfront park at 31st Street.

The 31st Street project is a public/private partnership between the city of Virginia Beach, the Virginia Beach Development Authority and the Thirty-First Street, L.L.C. This project include a public park, parking garage and hotel complex. This workshop will focus on the park design only.

■ The 31st Project includes a substantial community public park with \$1 million in improvements and ongoing maintenance completely paid for by the developer.

■ The park and adjoining green belt area total approximately 65,000 square feet. The park will be larger than the existing oceanfront parks at 17th and 24th Streets. The park will be complete with beach access and public restrooms.

If you are physically disabled, hearing or visually impaired and will need assistance at this meeting call, 427-4305.